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## EUROPEAN NEWS.

### Speech of John Bright on the Condition of Ireland.

### He Urges the Necessity of Swift and Radical Reforms.

### The London Times on the Naturalization Question.

### A Modification of Existing Laws Suggested.

The steamship *America*, which left Bremen, Feb. 1, and Southampton, Feb. 5, arrived at this port yesterday, with three days later intelligence than was at hand by the *Palmyra*.

The London *Times* says it is authorized to state that the Queen will hold a Court at Buckingham Palace on March 3, to receive the Corps Diplomatique. The Queen will also hold three Drawing-Rooms, at each of which Her Majesty will be present.

In the French Legislative Body, Dec. 4, the debate on the *Press* bill was resumed. During the progress of the discussion, M. ROUHER defended the bill, and, referring to the Emperor's letter of the 19th January, he denied that any attempt had been made to obstruct the liberal movement, and said: "The Government has honestly accepted the work intrusted to its care. A certain amount of anxiety has been shown respecting the opportuneness of the bill. We have carefully examined the question, and from that examination have come to the firm conclusion to sustain the bill energetically. We had entered into an engagement, and a strong Government should never retreat from its engagements. We do not fear the Press. We have the means to keep it within bounds." M. ROUHER did not believe in the modification of party feeling, but in its impotency. "The majority," he said, "ought, therefore, to side with the resolutions of the Government, and not allow a division in its ranks. A new generation has arisen. Four millions of electors who made the First Empire are dead. Four millions of new electors have thrown new life into the nation—they should not be stopped but guided."

The *Moniteur* of Feb. 5, in its bulletin, says:—"On the occasion of M. BENEDETTI, the French Ambassador at Berlin, presenting his credentials as the representative of France to the North German Confederation, the King of Prussia said that he was happy to behold in that step a certain pledge of friendly relations between the two Governments. He also spoke of the remembrance he should always retain of the reception he met with at Paris from the Emperor and Empress of the French."

*The Constitutionnel* publishes a letter from Bucharest, stating that three bands of armed individuals, each band 450 strong, are assembled at different points of the Danubian Principalities. They appear to be under the command of foreign leaders, and are preparing to enter Bulgaria to set fire to the Turkish villages, and renew the scenes of brigandage which were suppressed last year. The Roumain Government, having been warned of their intention, is preparing to disarm these bands, and to prevent by every means at its command an expedition which would entail upon it so heavy a responsibility.

The Florence *Nazione*, of Feb. 3, publishes a semi-official communication, positively contradicting the assertions of modifications of the September Convention, or the conclusion of a new treaty between France and Italy. The *Nazione* says: "It is not known at the present moment how or with what probability of success negociations could be undertaken on the Roman question unless upon the basis of the September Convention. After the late events the return to the state of affairs created by the Convention would be the sole policy advantageous to the country, without comprising the future. We believe that the Cabinet are unanimous in this opinion."

In the sitting of the Prussian Chamber of Deputies, Feb. 1, the debate upon the bill settling the amount of compensation to be granted to the King of Hanover, the Elector of Hesse and the Grand Duke of Nassau, was had. Count von BISMARCK, urging the passage of the bill, said that the Government could not carry on public business if the bill were rejected, nor would the Liberals be able to conduct the administration under such circumstances for six months. He would, therefore, appeal to the House not unnecessarily to excite the public mind with regard to these grants in presence of the distress existing in East Prussia. Public order would become disintegrated by mixing up political questions of a different character. Herr von IWESTEN said that notwithstanding serious misgivings, he agreed to the advisability of passing the bill on account of the pressure of accomplished facts. Even a different Ministry could not advise the King to withdraw his signature from the treaties. Count von BISMARCK denied the accusation of having disregarded popular rights. Herr WAGNER severely criticised what he called the sham constitutionalism of the Government. The King ought to be grateful if the House relieved him from the obligation into which he had entered, and 25,000,000 thalers would be saved to the country. The House should not be led astray by Count von BISMARCK'S threat of resignation. Like all pretenders, King GEORGE would renounce his claims to the throne. The debate being declared closed, the House voted, by 254 to 130 votes, the proposal of the Committee to adopt the bill as proposed by the Government.

A Vienna dispatch, dated Feb. 4, says that the statement of the Red Book, referring to the Eastern question, declares that international obligations and Austria's friendly relations with the Sublime Porte, have deterred the Imperial Government from giving any support to the Candian insurrection.

The military service is reduced *de facto* in Russia from fifteen to eight years. A circular of the Minister for War requests the military authorities to grant unlimited furlough to the soldiers who have fulfilled their eight years of service, and to replace them by the whole contingent of 1867. The soldiers on unlimited furlough will form a reserve amounting to half of the effective army, and are liable to be recalled into active service at any time. That system will allow Russia to have, at a few week's notice, a fighting army of a million of men.

News from Buenos Ayres announces that the cholera had swept down the Parana from the pestiferous quarters of the allied army, and had settled in the city. Since the sailing of the French mail the mortality had increased with great rapidity; the people had taken flight, and half the population had gone to the camps. Great panic prevailed, and business was at a standstill. Funerals were in every street and sickness in every square. The coffins were carried about in furniture vans. In the public cemetery the coffins were piled up waiting for interment, and there were no laborers to dig graves. The municipality had taken no measures to allay the epidemic, and the people had held an indignation meeting, and demanded the absolute resignation of the municipal board, who, finding the people determined, had resigned *en masse*. There had been great excitement but no violence and ensued.

### THE IRISH QUESTION.

#### Speech of Mr. John Bright to his Constituents in Birmingham City.

On the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 4, Mr. JOHN BRIGHT and Mr. DIXON, the members for the borough, addressed, in accordance with their annual custom, a numerous meeting of their constituents in Birmingham. Mr. JOHN JAFFRAY presided, and briefly opened the proceedings.

Mr. JOHN BRIGHT was received with several rounds of most enthusiastic cheering from his friends and supporters, but as soon as this had subsided it was apparent that their political opponents also mustered in strong force, and it was nearly twenty minutes before the honorable gentleman was allowed to proceed with his address. The disturbers of the proceedings were eventually ejected after several sharp struggles, and the honorable gentleman proceeded to say: Gentlemen—From what has been said by our chairman, from what I have heard since I came to Birmingham, and from what I have seen in your newspapers, I am aware that there is at this moment a subject of great irritation which is greatly disturbing the feelings of your town. I did not come here for the purpose of discussing it, because to my mind it seems hardly needful to discuss it, the grievance is so great, and the irritation is so sensibly felt in every street in your town in which the newly-enfranchised, or to be enfranchised, electors are living. I propose, at a subsequent period of the evening, to speak a few sentences on that point; but if you will allow me I shall now ask your attention to another subject, which, though not so immediately pressing upon you, yet has pressed very much upon my mind, and has compelled me to discuss it to-night. From the moment when I accepted the invitation to this meeting, although I had previously intended to discuss some general topics, I felt my mind driven or drawn irresistably to that which has recently been declared by high authority to be the great question of the hour. Now, don't let any man in Birmingham imagine that he has no interest in what is called the Irish question. [Cheers.] I will undertake to discuss it in a manner that I hope will not offend the feelings of any man in this audience. It is a question which now excites great feeling, and which will excite great heartburning probably before it is settled. It is a question which will be the cause, in all probability, of the fall of Ministries, and it may be of the dissolution of Parliament. Whether we look at the present or at the future, to my mind it far transcends in importance any other question that I could discuss to-night. Perhaps many of you have read a speech that was recently delivered by a member of the Cabinet, the son of the Prime Minister, at a great banquet that was delivered to him and to others in the City of Bristol. Now, in that speech there were three things stated. If there be any man here who thinks that his opinions are utterly at variance with mine, I ask him the more to listen to what I am about to say. Lord STANLEY in that speech declared that the Irish question was the question of the hour. He spoke of the painful, the dangerous, and to us, in appearance, at least, the discreditable state of things which continues to exist in Ireland. He said: "We have a strange and perplexing problem to solve;" he spoke of the state of Ireland as a miserable state of things, and then, as if in despair, he turned to his friends around him, and he said, "If we look for a remedy, who is there that can give an intelligible answer? Ireland is the question of the hour." And then he gave them this advice: having nothing to offer as a remedy himself, he said, "Don't let us call in quacks; don't let us fly to desperate remedies because the doctors cannot find out an instant and perfect cure for a disease which is of a long standing." Well, it is a disease at least much more than 100 years old, and I think if the doctors have not already found out anything about it, or what will cure it, it may even be wiser to try a quack. [Laughter and cheers.] In that speech this Cabinet Minister spoke very vaguely on the subject of compensation to tenants for improvements, and he charged a considerable number of the tenants with wishing to become possessed of the land without paying for it, which was not a very complimentary suggestion on his part: and he said, further, which was a curious thing, considering what happened during the last session of Parliament, they would yield nothing to noise and menace; [cheers] they would do only that which was satisfactory to their consciences; [laughter] and he wound up this portion of his speech with this emphatic declaration, "We will not allow the British Empire to be pulled to pieces in virtue of any fantastic theories. Ireland and England are inseparable now and forever." Let me ask you for a moment to look at two or three matters of detail, and to see how completely this Cabinet Minister, son of the Prime Minister, is justified in the statements he has made. For two years we have had in Ireland a suspension of the *Habeas Corpus* Act. Well, that means this, that any man may be taken to prison by the warrant of the Lord-Lieutenant, and he may be kept there as long as the *Habeas Corpus* act is suspended, as long as the Lord-Lieutenant may think proper. I don't say at all, I never have said, that there may not arise emergencies in the most free country where it may be necessary to suspend law for the sake of the preservation of the public peace; but this is a matter of frequent recurrence in Ireland, and we have had, during the last two years, and even for a much longer period, as you all know, a condition of chronic insurrection in that part of the Kingdom. We have had more than that—not only attacks which were of the nature of open war, but we have had throughout the country, and in parts of England a conspiracy of very secret and apparently of a reckless character, and as the result of that conspiracy we have seen some violent outrages, such as this country for a very long period has been a stranger to. [Hear, hear.] We have had, as you all know, very great alarm in the chief magistrates of your towns, the mayors and the ordinary magistrates have been in some places in a state of panic. You have had troops moved from one part of the Kingdom to the other, and armed ships parrolling around the coast of Ireland, almost as if this Kingdom were in a state of enemies to which they belonged. Then this, you have had special commissions in Ireland and England trying men for the gravest offences; your police and your soldiers, and even the gallows, have been brought into an unusual and unhappy activity, and at this very meeting at Bristol the Home Secretary h mself admitted that he had become little more of late than a commissioner of Police, so much was the disturbance brought continually before him; and even the nor hern residence of the Queen at Balmoral and the southern residence of the Queen in the Isle of Wight, both these places have been, no doubt, by order of the Home-office specially guarded during the period of alarm. [Hear, hear.] And more than all this, in Ireland and in Canada, assistant to keep the peace, in Canada to resist threatened invasion from Irishmen in the United States, we are maintaining at least 50,000 armed men paid for out of the taxes of the United Kingdom. [Cries of "Shame."] What I think I might complain of is this, that the Cabinet Minister of whom I have spoken and from whom I have now to offer the people of this great Bristol banquet. All that he says is this—that he will not allow the Empire to be pulled in pieces; but I think if any man is determined to take that course he should at least be able to point out upon what principle the empire can be kept united. Another member of Parliament—not a general supporter of this Government, but sitting on the Opposition side of the House, making a speech the other day at Sheffield—declared, in the most emphatic manner that while there was breath in his body and blood in his veins he would oppose any kind of separation of the two countries. Bear in mind that the gentleman four or five years ago was the most determined supporter of the slaveholders, that he went so far as to offer himself as an envoy between the Emperor of the French and the Parliament of England with the object of bringing about the recognition as a distinct State of the slaveholding Confederacy. There was every kind of slander of the most offensive description uttered by him against the people of the Northern States, who determined that their Republic should not be pulled in pieces, and now he says as long as there is breath in his body and blood in his veins there shall be no separation between Great Britain and Ireland. [Cheers and laughter.] I need not tell you that I am not here to-night to argue that question of separation, for it is quite unnecessary; but I venture to say this—that the Cabinet Ministers who have no remedy whatsoever to offer, but merely passages of speech to deliver like this, and the partisan supporters of a Government who can speak such passages as those I have quoted, they are not true friends of union, but, in my opinion, they are the promoters of disaffection and separation. [Cheers.] I must remind them, as I will remind you, although, no doubt, my object may be misconstrued and misrepresented. I may remind you that the question of which they have spoken is not a question outside the range of discussion. There is a great precedent in our history. After the union with Scotland, 150 years ago, a proposition was submitted to Parliament for the repeal of the Union with Scotland; that proposition was rejected in full House by a majority of only two [cheers]; therefore, there is a precedent set in a high quarter if any person thinks it his duty to discuss the question of separation. [Cheers.] Besides, the Empire was powerful before the Legislative Union with Ireland. It was powerful in colonization, powerful in war, powerful in commerce; and you must bear in mind that the Parliament was a Parliament nearly, if not quite, as national as ours, and as sacred to Ireland as the Parliament of England is to England. The mode of its extinction forms one of the foulest stories in the annals of this country. Force and fraud and corruption of an unparalleled character were the means by which the extinction of the Irish Parliament was brought about. Although I have not a word to say in favor of the separation of the two countries, [cheers,] yet I will not hesitate to say this, that the Irish people never consented to the Legislative Union, and that their right to protest against it and their right to seek for restoration of their Parliament, if they think it would be advantageous to them, has not been, and cannot be, destroyed. [Cheers.] However, the question before us is this—it is a fair question—Can we so deal with Ireland as to make union peaceable and inevitable through its obvious advantages to both countries? They are in Ireland really the same people as ourselves. We all speak the same language, we read the same books—and the Irish write a great number of books which we read in England—our interests are the same, our family connexions are wonderfully intertwined, and, as is proved by the harmony which exists in different parts of the continent of Europe, there is nothing in the difference of religion between Catholics and Protestants, if men will act in a just and Christian spirit, to prevent the most perfect harmony between two countries. [Cheers.]

THE CHURCH GRIEVANCE.

Now, with regard to this question of the legislative Union, I shall make only one observation, which is this, that I shall never consent myself to any measure that would disunre legislative union till it is proved that in England statesmanship is absolutely dead, and till it is proved in Ireland that right and justice have failed to influence mankind. [Cheers.] The Minister of whom I have spoken said there were two great subjects for Parliament and controversy with regard to Ireland, viz., the Church and the land. But there questions are much more than questions of Parliament and controversy. These are questions on which may depend the duration or the decay of the Empire. These two questions are the beginning and the end of this terrible Irish difficulty. [Cheers.] Scotland is a nation, and I think, on the whole, that the Scotch are rather more reasoning than the Irish. They are very ready always to assert the virtues and the greatness of Scotland in every part of the world, but Scotland is a member of a great nation, with which she is content. Well, Ireland is also a nation; but I want to know why we can't make Ireland also content to be a portion of a greater nation, and to take her share in that greater renown which attaches to a greater Power. I believe, so much as I believe that I am here, that all this can be done. There is nothing that a Parliament in Dublin can do that the Imperial Parliament cannot do if it tries to do it: there is nothing with regard to the true interests of the people that an independent Irish representation could do which a Parliament in London cannot do; there is nothing which Ireland can do for herself, if she were a part of the American Union, which our statesmen in London, if right and just, cannot also do for Ireland. [Cheers.] Suppose we had a Parliament in Dublin that was elected by the free and equal vote of the householders of the Irish nation, does anybody believe that there would exist in that country an institution such as there is now under the name of the Protestant Established Church? [Cheers.] Let nobody suppose that I am hostile to a Protestant Church or Protestantism. I am as you know a Protestant of Protestants. [Laughter and cheers.] I can have no kind of religious sympathy with the organization, with some of the doctrines, with many of the practices of the Roman Catholic Church; and, therefore, when I am speaking of the Protestant Church I am speaking purely of a political State organization. If any man will say with such a Parliament in Dublin the Irish people would permit that political State Church to exist, he must have his ideas of Irish and Irish people, he must believe that Ireland is nothing better than a huge lunatic asylum. [Loud cheers and laughter.] Then, why should we, the people of England, be ng the most powerful section of the three kingdoms, why should our Parliament in London assist in supporting that Church against the known opinion and the thousand repeated protests of the great majority of the Irish people? [Cheers.] The Church has been maintained there for the sake of building up in time past what was considered the English interest. A supremacy party was established with the idea of preserving the union with England, and it has become in our time, more than other institutions, that which imperils that union. I believe that nobody who really can have any kind of claim for thinking on the question will say that we, the people of England, the Parliament of Great Britain, can pretend any longer to govern Ireland on the principles, and in accordance with the prejudices and the fashions of that supremacy party. [Cheers.] The case has gone far beyond argument; it has gone altogether beyond the resistance of the tone or the tinkering of the Whigs. [Cheers and laughter.] It is a question which the people of England themselves must no longer leave to peddling statesmen, but one on which they must express an opinion whenever there come an election, when we shall have the pleasure of inviting a larger number to express their opinions on public questions than in past times. They must express an overwhelming opinion in favor of common sense and common justice in the government of Ireland. I said the case has gone beyond argument. The other day I saw, I think, the latest estimate that has been made of the property of the Irish Church. It was estimated as a principal sum of not less than £13,000,000 sterling. Now, I cannot tell you how much £13,000,000 sterling is. I can write it down in figures, and, as you hear, I can speak it from my lips; but I can give no man here any accurate notion of what is meant by £13,000,000 sterling. But what is the section of the Irish people into whose hands that vast sum, with its interest every year, is given for religious purposes and training? Why, the whole Protestant population in Ireland, and, I suppose, in Ireland no more than in England—for every Protestant does not get much religious teaching, and does not go much to church, [laughter] -but in Ireland the Protestant Church population is just a little over one million, and I am not sure whether it is all over, the population of two towns like Birmingham. What would you think in Birmingham of that great city and the City of Manchester, or their population, and nobody else, having awarded to them this vast sum of £13,000,000, and the interest from it annually, under the pretence of religious teaching? And I need not tell you that the Presbyterians of the Protestants are a bit better religiously taught than either Presbyterians or Catholics. In point of fact, it is a huge political job, which ought never to have existed, and which, having existed, ought long ago to have been abolished, together with another which is somewhat akin to it. For Parliament gives the interest of more than a million of money, being £40,000, in every year out of the taxes, to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland as a bribe, that it may not say anything about the £13,000,000 which is given to the Protestant Church. Now, I have no idea of saying anything against the Presbyterians in regard to their present circumstances are not of their own creating—and still less shall I say anything against the ministers of their Church; for I doubt not there is to be found among them a fair proportion of energetic Christian men, finding themselves in adverse and unfortunate circumstances, but still probably laboring earnestly in the sphere to which they have been called. [cheers;] but of the institution, as a political institution, I will venture to say that the time of its downfall has nearly come. [cheers,] and that it is essential for the good government of Ireland, for the tranquility of that country, for the maintenance of the union with England and peace—it is essential that every trace of Protestant Church supremacy should be forever abolished. [Cheers.] When it comes to be abolished, I would do no injustice either to the ministers or the members of the Church. Of course, all life interests would be cared for and preserved, and I may not, but I should take up too much of your time, and that I feel myself unable to go through what I wished to say, I would a little elaborate a plan by which I think some justice might be done with regard to the disposition of the funds which Parliament will receive as the Established Church of Ireland is gradually despoiled of. I think if the sum of £13,000,000 sterling would no be just, and I hope some of my Nonconformist friends, who have very strong opinions on this question, and, perhaps, have not looked at it in the same light that I have, will have a little charity for me when I say I believe it would not be just to give Ireland a sum which, added to the armies and glebes, and all the titles and everything that composes those £13,000,000, into the hands of the State, and to throw the whole of the present Potestant Church of Ireland bare and naked upon the country. [Hear, hear.] I think there should be some very small—it might not be temporary—I think it ought to be clear and unquestionably ridiculed by them of some not considerable sum of that whole amount; but that with this condition—that when the matter was disposed of, and the Protestants had received whatever was appropriated to them, they would become, as the Episcopalian Church in Scotland, or the Wesleyan Church in England, a Church absolutely disconnected from the State, and altogether a voluntary institution. [cheers.] I think whatever was done in that way would also have to be followed up in other directions. [Hear, hear.] With regard to the Presbyterians of Ireland, who are receiving £40,000 a year from the State, I think it would be quite easy, perfectly just, and probably most politic to make some moderate appropriation to them out of the same fund, while the *Regium Donum* of £40,000 to ecclesiorth ought to be discontinued. I believe Parliament would also feel justified in making to the aged Roman Catholic clergy of Ireland a similar moderate or small appropriation to enable the Catholic Church in certain parishes to have a small glebe and a modest house for the minister of that Church, but in all these cases it should be distinctly understood and enacted that when that £2,000,000 or £3,000,000—for it could not make so large a sum—was thus appropriated, all those Churches would be independent and free Churches in Ireland—not in any way connected with the State, and that thenceforth no person in authority and no law of Parliament should recognize by any special favor any member of any one of these three Churches. I know perfectly well that there are ardent friends of mine in the country who will think in the wisdom of what I have said, but let me tell you and tell them that when you have a great political question to solve it is very desirable that you should, as far as possible, obtain the general consent of those upon whom your legislation is about to act. It is of no consequence to this country what becomes of the £3,000,000 or £4,000,000 of money, but it is of the highest consequence that State Church supremacy in Ireland should be abolished, and that the voluntary system should be permanently and for ever established. Now, what would be the result? Let any one of you fancy that he has been living in Ireland as a Catholic during all these years; what would be the result of such a change? Why, the whole sentiment of the people would be altered; they would feel that the past was about to be forgotten, and that there was a new and a better opening before them. They would feel that the State Established Church, which has been for 200 years the symbol of their degradation, was to be removed for ever, and I have no doubt whatever that the change would work the most wholesome, the most marked improvement in the sentiments of the Irish people toward the Imperial Parliament and Imperial connections. You have heard of the code of laws which existed in Ireland, called the Penal Laws, but I suppose very few of you could comprehend really what was intended by those laws. I do not feel able to go into them and to explain them fully to you, but I have here a list of some ten or a dozen disqualifications which they inflicted upon the Irish Catholic people, and which accounts fully for all the poverty, the degradation, and the helpless position of that people. If I were to read to you only an extract from a speech or a letter of Mr. BURKE, you would have some idea of what those laws have done. They existed from the time of WILLIAM III. to the time of the American war of Indepence; they existed nearly for 100 years, and BURKE says of them—"The declared object of these laws was to reduce the Catholic people of Ireland to a miserable populace without property, without estimation, and without education, for the Catholic parents were not allowed to educate their children." (Shame.) "The framers of this code divided the nation into two distinct bodies, one of which bodies was to possess the franchises, all the property, and all the education: the other were to be drawers of water and cutters of turf for the privileged class and community." He says, "It was a machine so well fitted for the oppression, impoverishment and degradation of the people and the debasement in them of human nature itself, as every proceeded from the perverted ingenuity of man." I give you this on the authority of EDMUND BURKE, himself an Irishman, and thoroughly conversant about that on which he was writing. I recollect when O'CONNELL was in the House of Commons, that on many occasions I sat by him. I asked him on one occasion if he would write into his autograph for a lady relative of mine, who wished to preserve it. He went into the lobby, and, taking a pen, he wrote these four lines. Speaking of Ireland he says—I don't know that the lines were his own composition—

> "Within that land was many a malcontent
> He cursed the tyranny to which he bent
> That land full many a wringing deeper saw,
> Who worked his tyranny in form of law."

[Cheers.] Well, all this, which has now passed away, all this came from England was inflicted upon them by the English Parliament and Government, and by their own Parliament which was a Protestant Parliament; and therefore is it to be wondered at that there has grown up a bitter feeling of hostility, and that happy union between the two countries has been allajog impossible to exist? But all this would le changed if the measures that I would suggest—measures, in my opinion, moderate and just—were passed.—al this would be changed, and the memory of the pens laws would pass from out the minds of all this other question to which Lord STANLEY referred—the great economical question of the land.

THE LAND GRIEVANCE.

Now of the land the story is as sad as that of the Church. From the days of Queen ELIZABETH to the days of WILLIAM III. there were successive confiscations of the land in Ireland. I think an Irish nobleman who took an important part at the time of the Union he left it on record as his opinion that there was scarcely an acre of land in Ireland which had not been three times confiscated. Well, what do we find now? We find, for the most part, Protestant owners and Catholic occupiers, and we have found to a very large extent—and it has not yet disappeared—poverty and degradation of an astounding kind and magnitude prevailing among large classes of the population; and what comes of all that? Why, suspicion, of course, between the landlord and the tenant; with suspicion, hatred, with hatred, war, and with war destruction of security, destruction o industry, destruction of comfort and of wealth; and you have the state of things which you have all hard of—that there is no bond of sympathy whatsoever between the Protestant landlord on the one part and the Catholic occupier and cultivator on the other [Cheers.] You have heard about a Bill—to which Lord STANLEY refers in very vague language—for compensating tenants for improvements which, as he says, for the most part they never make. Why, of course, they will not make them unless they can have compensation assured to them. I have never been of opinion that any universal compensation is desirable, unless it were one far beyond anything that Parliament would accept, and even that I should like to recommend, would have any very large influence in tranquilizing Ireland. I believe it would do something, and be worth while to do. Another thing would be great use, though we regard it as a political question. If you were to give to the tenants of Ireland the security of the ballot at their elections, it would take away from the landlords much of the indisposition to grant leases, because they would feel that with the ballot the tenant was secure from their influences, and they have refused to give leases mainly with the object of keeping the tenants under their influence. That itself would be a great advantage, and the granting of leases would in many cases stimulate the industry of the tenant and enable him to reap its due reward. I saw the other day inons of the newspapers a letter written by an Irish gentleman, Lord FERMOY, from which I take a sort extract which appeared to me very striking from the mode in which it expresses his feeling on thismatter: "It is idle to suppose that such a state of tings as now exists in Ireland can be remedied except by adding to church removal a measure"—listen to this—"to bridge the deepening gulf"—he might have said both deepening and widening gulf—"between the owner of the soil on the one side, and the makers of the produce, which is its real value on the other." Well, then, what is then more that can be done? The real, great, vast question, and it is this—that the Irish people should by some means or other be put in a position, gradually, rapidly, if you can, of becoming the possessors and the cultivators of their own soil. [Loud cheers.] You want to create a great farmer proprietary class in Ireland; well, how are you to do it, and that is, after all, if there be any laws upon your statute book which artificially prevent the dispersion of land, all the vices of the accumulation of land are in active operation. But you have those which prevent and retard the action of all the natural forces, which would counteract them to a great extent, and cause or produce a dispersion of the land. What I want is that the natural laws should act, and that there should be large, and middle-sized, and small estates of every kind, according to the prudence and industry of men, and that there should be no law to prevent persons leaving their owners of large estates or small ones. The same want has been felt in other countries; it was felt for a hundred years in France, and it was felt in Prussia. In France the great evil was swept away by the terrible Revolution, which onust like a great volcano in the midst of Europe. In Prussia it was used for the purpose of revenue, but by agendie, gradual, and most beneficent change of its laws. Many plans have been proposed, to some of which, except under the most desperate circumstances, I should give no sanction. I am in favor—and for he sake of the great body of the people—I am in favor of a strict adherence to true economical principles, and perfect freedom of trade, and I am not for the poor [cheers] in the attempt to adjust any great and difficult question like this. Let me tell you what is done in Prussia with regard to this matter. The Prussian Government has established what are called Rent Banks, to which any tenant can go who wants to buy a farm the owner of which is willing to sell it, and the Bank will advance the necessary funds to pay for the farm, will step into the position of the landlord, and will arrange by a mode of operation perfectly easy to the tenant that in the course of a certain number of years he may pay off the purchase-money and become the absolute owner of the property. Now, in my opinion that would be an advantage in Ireland, but it is only a means a step sufficient for what the occasion demands. Gentlemen here will remember that about fifteen months ago I was received at a great banquet in Dublin, and made a speech on the subject of Ireland, and I have no doubt that to-morrow some of the papers will accuse me of saying there what I said in Dublin. I have found that true things and right things in this country require to be repeated a great many times. [Laughter.] At that banquet I made a suggestion or proposition, which was misrepresented by some, was misunderstood by many, and was more than ridiculed by many more. Now, what was it? It was a proposition that we should have a Parliamentary Commission for the purpose of acting as the Rent Banks act in Prussia—not only to help the transactions between the tenant and the landlord when they have agreed upon it, but to go about to negotiate for the purchase of large estates held by absentees, and have purchased them, the sale being voluntary on the part of the owner, they would then offer those estates in separate farms as far as was convenient or proper to the tenants who now occupy them. [Cheers.] You will recollect how all this was ridiculed. The very next day afterward a number of Irish gentlemen, some of whom had been loud in their ridicule of my suggestion, went to the Lord Lieutenant to represent to him what a great advantage it would be to Ireland, and to the shareholders of Irish railways in particular, if the Government would purchase the Irish railways, and the Lord-Lieutenant is reported to have expressed himself favorable to the whole project, and to have promised to lay it before his colleagues in the Government with such support as he was able to give it. I do not see much difference in the possibility of buying the estates of absentees and the railroads of shareholders who cannot work them to advantage, many of whom probably are absentees also, and live in Great Britain. [Cheers.] The other day I was reading a very interesting book, which will repay any one of you to read. It is written by Mr. MAGUIRE, one of the members for Cork, who has recently been to America, for the purpose of hunting up every particular he could obtain about his countrymen there. The title is "The Irish in America," and he has written largely and particularly about these questions of buying up the rights of the landowners in Canada and Prince Edward Island. In Canada there were proprietors of very large tracts of country, given to them by the Kings of France before Canada was under the occupation of England. The quarrel between the landlords and the tenants was for the most part a fight of rights. The landlords held local rights of mill and waterpower. They demanded that they should receive one-twelfth of the purchase money every time a farm happened to be sold. What did they do? The Canadian Parliament bought out the landowners by paying the sum of one million sterling for the purpose, and by an arrangement for capitalizing the purchase of certain rents by the tenant, and enforcing a compulsory sale on the part of the landowners. What was done in Prince Edward Island? Very lately—in fact, only two years ago—the Governor of Prince Edward Island at the close of his little Parliament used these words: "The measure by which the extended powers of purchasing land are granted has my hearty concurrence, and I trust, under Providence, will enable me to purchase large estates from the proprietor." What was their last act? They have purchased the estate belonging to the late Sir SAMUEL CUNARD, whose name has given its designation to the famous line of steamboats running between Liverpool and New-York. From him they bought an estate of more than 200 acres of land, for which they paid £55,000, for the express purpose of offering it on such terms that the settlers and cultivators might be made a farmer proprietary class. [Hear, hear.] Well, now, how would it work in Ireland? I obtained from the Treasury the other day the statistics of what the Government has already done in these matters, or matters very nearly like them. I find that in 1849 an act was passed to grant money to Irish landlords at 3½ per cent., and to Irish tenants at 5 per cent., they would repay both the principal and the interest in twenty-two years. In 1866 Parliament passed another act to promote the erection of farm buildings, scutch-mills for flax, and dwelling-houses for laborers and other purposes. The money is lent at 5 per cent., and will repay both principal and interest in thirty-five years; that is, in a period only four years longer than the ordinary course of leases formerly in Ireland. In 1846, for the purpose of creating harbors, the Loan Commissioners were authorized to lend money at 3½ per cent., but if it was borrowed at 4 per cent. the principal and interest would be repaid in fifty years. To show the case practically: If you find a man with a farm for which he pays forty pounds a year rent, and allow for a twenty-five years' purchase, which will come to £1,000—if you could get that farmer to agree to pay an increase of rent of only ten pounds a year in thirty-five years, he or his son may become the owner of the farm, during the period of paying the money back have absolute security, and could never be ejected as long as he paid his rent. [Cheers.] In fact, if the money is lent at the rate of the loans granted by the Harbor Commissioners, he would get his farm in twenty-five years, paying the same rent as he pays now, and during the whole of the time have absolute security of tenure, doing what he liked to the farm, as if he had paid the whole sum. What would happen then? Let me ask any man here who has a little garden, or any metal thing that he cares for, what would be do? ARTHUR YOUNG tells us that "industry will turn a barren sand into most fertile land," and so it will, for it seems to work miracles, and therefore every man who has made such a contract with the Parliamentary Commissioners would feel that his farm was his own, if he chooses to go on paying his rent. Why, he would call his big lads about him, and there would be a new start to industry—the land would become the savings-bank for the family, every hour of work would be put into it, all manure would be collected for it. He might, in all probability, from his past savings do something towards paying for it, and he could raise money for a portion of it, in all probability, from some of his friends. There can be no doubt whatever, although I have put the period at 35 years, paying 5 per cent., that with his increased industry, his desperate resolution to have the farm his own, and to have the parchment in his own possession, with the industry of his family, and with the liberality or some of his friends, the 35 years would be brought down in all probability to half 35 years, and you would have established a certain and rapid process by which a farm proprietary could be created in Ireland. Now, it is said that the absentees receive about £4,000,000 a year in rents from Ireland. I do not give it on any authority beyond that of general estimate. No doubt if the matter were once taken up by Parliament and attempted to be dealt with by the Government you would find the absentee proprietors, from their patriotism and their desire not to stand in the way of some benefit to Ireland, would be willing to sell their estates, and to enable Parliament to carry out this plan. Now, although the process by which new proprietors would be established in Ireland would be gradual, the change of sentiment would be instantaneous—the Irishman would feel that old things had passed away and that all things to him and to his children had become new. [Cheers.] They would know that it was not a phrase only, but a reality that Ireland hereafter was to be for the Irish, and there would spring up among the people a positive passion to buy their farms, and the transference from great proprietors to small farmers would be gradual but certain, and I believe also in many parts rapid. The moment any man had bought his farm what would happen to him? He would not sympathize very much with insurrection or with conspiracy. [Cheers.] In every country of the world the possessor of land is the Conservative of that country. In Russia, where the serfs have been freed, and have been put in possession of the land, there is not a man of them that would not step forward to defend the Crown and the Emperor. In the United States the conservatism of the country is to be found in what the Chancellor of the Exchequer called the terrorial democracy of the United States, and every purchaser of a farm would become instantaneously loyal to the country and loyal to the law that did him justice, [cheers,] and you would have at once the commencement of a new life, and you would have discovered and planted for a great future the germ of a regenerated nation. [Hear, hear.] But what would happen further in the House of Commons? There are 105 members in the House of Commons who that come from Ireland; they are divided, like some other people—like, I was going to say what, but I might be irreverent; there are nearly half of them on one side and half of them on the other; but the Irish members never act together, so far as I have seen, for the benefit of Ireland, and as a united body I never saw them act for the benefit of the United Kingdom. [Laughter.] If the measure which I propose were adopted, if that Church question were out of the way, and if you were to propose to diminish all the people of Ireland to the Imperial rule by enabling them to become proprietors of their own soil, you would have removed from the floor of Parliament every subject of angry contest which separates the Irish members in that House. They would be then as the Scotch members. The Scotch can unite upon many things for Scotland; they have no contest about the Church, like that in Ireland; and they do not find the soil of their own country in the hands of a proprietary alien to them in race and alien to them in religion. [Cheers.] And when you have removed from the Parliamentary floor—from what CANNING used to call the field of Parliamentary controversy—all these long-embittered questions, you would find then that Irish members could unite for Ireland, and could work harmoniously with the members for Great Britain for the general interests of the United Kingdom. [Cheers.] I shall omit any notice of minor questions with regard to Irish affairs, because I am convinced that if these two questions were settled, everything else would fall as it were into i s right place, and some useful and proper settlement could be arrived at for the advantage of all the people of that country. I want us to govern Ireland along with Ireland, by the consent, with the approbation, and with the hearty concurrence of Irishmen and of their representatives in Parliament. I want to have no longer anything that can be pointed at as a Church or a religious supremacy. [Cheers.] No longer let English class notions thwart our purpose of doing justice to a country in which the majority of the people belong to a different religion from ourselves. [Cheers.]

NATIONAL ANIMOSITIES.

But there would remain still one question on which lately much stress has been laid and something more than a joke. I am not a gentleman for whom I have the very highest respect, not only for his acquirements, but for the temper and disposition which he always brings to the consideration of any public question. I refer to Mr. GOLDWIN SMITH. There remains this question, and Americans, Irishmen, Mr. SMITH and others are of opinion that there is in Ireland a craving, a positive hunger, after the reestablishment of an Irish nation, with a separate, independent Irish Legislature. I shall not deny this, although I do not admit it. I believe that among a very large portion of the more educated classes in Ireland, whether Protestants or Catholics, there is at least a lingering hope, and with many a firm belief, that Ireland can be so governed in unity with England as to make an Irish Parliament not in any degree an advantage either to Ireland or Great Britain. [Hear, hear.] But the future will determine this. My theory is this, that if you will do that justice which Irishmen are anxious to do for themselves, there will remain of national feeling, as in Scotland, everything that is healthful and that ought to be permanent, and that that irritation and passion which is mixed up with the national feeling would be subsided actually as just laws were worked; and in all probability we should find that as justice was seen and felt in every home of the kingdom, the great majority of the people would dismiss from their minds the idea of separating from Great Britain, and that the union, which is now one of mere parchment, would become a union of interest and sentiment, and even two nations. [Loud cheers.] One other thing would happen—the American-Irish question would gradually and rapidly lose its importance. Ireland, therefore, would readily understand the change which that country had undergone. The Irish and the American press, which now so unwisely and unjustly sympathize with the cry of Ireland, would, in my opinion, also understand the change, and would withdraw their sympathy. At present they look upon insurrection and conspiracy with a feeling that there is, somehow or other, a root of bitterness, which, it it be not the justification, is at least the cause of it. If you were to make changes which I have proposed, I believe you will settle at once a great domestic question between Great Britain and Ireland, and extinguish forever a great and difficult question on the American Continent; the *Habeas Corpus* act would no longer have to be suspended; your Home Secre ary would no longer be a mere Commissioner of Police; your Queen herself, with a heart full of sympathy for the sufferings of every class of her people, [loud and prolonged cheers,] your Queen would no longer have to say that it was the opinion of her Ministers that special police and special sentinels should guard her Highland home and her home in the Isle of Wight, the prison doors which have been shut upon many men mistaken and criminal,—those prison doors might be opened, and the trials for treason-felony and conspiracy against the Crown of the United Kingdom might hereafter forever be unknown. I know I am not considered an orthodox states

## THE GOLD QUESTION.

NO. 4.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

As legal-tender notes are not intrinsically equivalent to coin, and could not be under the conditions which exist, it is impossible to infer from the tenor of the Legal-tender act that Congress intended to declare them to be equivalent. The idea could have been expressed, and had it been present it would have been expressed unequivocally. Such a declaration would be ineffectual and illusory, yet capable of being stated, and that in terms clear and unambiguous.

But a declaration to the contrary effect is reiterated upon the statute book. The Government has never failed, both in its legislation and in its practice, to point out to people and call their attention to the fact that the notes and coin are not equivalent.

"The very clause which makes the treasury notes a legal tender, recognizes the distinction. 'Shall be lawful' money, and a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, within the United States, except duties on imports, and interest on Government bonds and notes, which *shall be paid in coin.*" (12 Stat. at Large, 345, sec. 1.)

That they were not equivalent to coin, the following provision in the same section is significant.: "And such United States notes shall be received *the same as coin at their par value* in payment for any loans that may be hereafter sold or negotiated by the Secretary of the Treasury."

"By the act of March 17, 1862, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to *purchase coin* with any of the bonds or notes of the United States, authorized by law, *at such rates and upon such terms* as he may deem most advantageous to the public interest." (12 Stat. at Large, 345.)

The act of July 11, 1862, (12 Stat. at Large, 532,) authorized the further issue of legal-tender notes, but this issue, unlike the first, instead of being convertible into bonds "at their par value," is convertible as follows: "And the Secretary of the Treasury may exchange for such notes *on such terms as he shall think most beneficial to the public interest*, any bonds of the United States, &c., redeemable after five and payable in twenty years."

The language quoted refers unmistakably to legal-tender notes as a currency unstable and unequal in value to coin.

The act of March 3, 1863, 12 Stat. at Large, 710, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow $900,000,000 on ten-forty bonds, so called, payable *in coin*, bearing interest payable *in coin*, and to dispose of these bonds at any time, *upon such terms as he may deem most advisable for lawful money of the United States.*

By the second section of the same act he was authorized to issue Treasury notes, and it was provided that "the interest on the said Treasury notes, and on certificates of indebtedness and deposit *hereafter issued*, shall be paid in *lawful money*."

"And the said Treasury notes may be made a legal tender to the same extent as United States notes, *or their face value, excluding interest.*"

The act of March 3, 1864, (13 Stat. at Large 13,) authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow $200,000,000 (in lieu of so much of the last mentioned loan) on five-forty bonds, payable *in coin*, bearing interest *in coin*, and to dispose of them on such terms as he may deem most advisable for *lawful money* of the United States.

On the 17th of June, 1864, Congress passed a law declaring that it should thereafter "be unlawful to make any loan of money not in coin, to be repaid in coin; or to make any loan of coin to be repaid in money, or currency other than coin." (13 Stat. at Large, p. 132.)

The act of June 30, 1864, (13 Stat. at Large, p. 218,) authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow $400,000,000, and to issue therefor bonds, payable at any period not more than forty years from date, bearing an annual interest not exceeding six per centum, payable semi-annually *in coin*, and to dispose of them on such terms as he may deem most advisable for *lawful money* of the United States, or at his discretion for Treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, &c., issued under any act of Congress.

The second section authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue $200,000,000 in Treasury notes, payable at any time not exceeding three years from date, bearing interest, payable in *lawful money* at maturity, and to dispose of them "on the best terms that can be obtained for lawful money," and provided further, that they "shall be a legal tender to the same extent as United States notes, *for their face value*, excluding interest, and may be paid to any creditor of the United States at their *face value*, excluding interest, or to any creditor willing to receive them at par, including interest."

The act of Jan. 18, 1865, (13 Stat. at Large, 425,) authorizes the issue of Treasury notes (Seven-thirties) in lieu of bonds authorised by the last mentioned act, and the disposrl of them for *lawful money*, &c.

The act of March 3, 1865, (13 Stat. at Large, 468,) authorized the issue of $600,000,000 in Five-forty bonds or Treasury notes, "and the principal or interest, or both, may be made payable *in coin or other lawful money*; provided that the rate of interest on any such bonds or Treasury notes, *when payable in coin*, shall not exceed six per centum per annum; and when not payable in coin shall not exceed seven and three-tenths per centum per annum."

The second section of the act authorized the disposal of them for coin or for other lawful money of the United States, or for any Treasury notes, &c., or other representatives of value which have been or may be issued under any act of Congress.

The third and fourth sections of the act of March 10, 1866, provided that all persons making certain internal revenue returns shall declare whether the several rates and amounts therein contained are stated according to their values in legal-tender currency, and that whenever the rates and amounts shall be stated in coined money, "it shall be the duty of each Assessor receiving the same to reduce such rates and amounts to their equivalent in legal-tender currency, according to the value of such coined money in such currency at the time when and place where said lists or returns are receivable, and *which value the said Assessor shall determine.*" (14 Stat. at Large, 5.) *Ibid.*, p. 147.

The twelfth section of the act of March 3, 1865, provides that in all proceedings in any court for the recovery of duties upon imports, the judgment "shall be payable in the coin by law receivable for duties," and the execution shall require the Marshall to satisfy the same in coin, and in case of a levy and sale "the Marshall shall refuse payment from any purchaser at such sale in any other money than that specified in the execution." (13 Stat. at Large, 494.)

Turning our attention from the acts of legislation to the dealings of the Government, we find the same distinction constantly recognized—the Government purchases com at market rates, in treasury notes, and demands coin, and accepts of coin only for duties. The Government, in time past, has borrowed in New-York, for short times, large amounts of its notes at *five per cent. interest*, not made payable in coin, and at the same office, very large amounts of coin at *four per cent. interest*, payable *in coin*, and has issued its obligations accordingly. Does that practice rest on no substantial difference? The Government has also been in the habit of issuing checks at New-York, and giving obligations for *coin debts* payable in coin as distinguished from legal tender notes. And where sales of merchandise have been made for coin, the Government demands as the tax on such sales (¼ per cent.,) not one-eighth per cent. on the sale price in coin, but one-eighth per cent. on the amount of Legal-tender money of which such sale price in coin is the equivalent. Among the questions which the Assessors of United States taxes are required, by the instructions from the Treasury Department to ask, is this: 'Is your report made on the basis of gold?' Suppose a man owning an amount of stock were to elect to take his dividends in *gold* at market value, and claim to be taxed on his income only the amount of gold, would the Assessor allow the claim? Since 1834, when parties have had their goods invoiced at their value in gold coinage prior to that date, the Government has seized and forfeited the goods for under valuation."

The Government brought into market a large quantity of cotton which had been seized in Southern ports, and it was exposed for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, *for gold.*

I adduce the foregoing citations from the acts of Congress and the dealings of the Government in the different kinds of money as proof indisputable that there is no warrant for the assumption that notes are equivalent to coin, or that gold contracts are declared invalid by any law.

The belief that they are invalid has been very widely disseminated, but not so widely as the belief in witchcraft or the immobility of the earth. Equally with those delusions is it unfounded in reason. Within a week, nevertheless, a Senator and a member of Congress have proposed bills to legalize gold contracts.

The courts recognize the difference in value between coin and legal tender notes, and must of necessity do so.

If an action is brought for the value of a bushel of wheat, although a witness should prove its value in coin, the court would reduce the valuation in coin to the cheaper currency, and render judgment in form in the cheaper currency for the actual value of the wheat.

A few examples cited by the Hon. HENRY R. SELDEN, show the indispensable necessity of the rule:

"A merchant gives his clerk $1,000, in gold, to pay duties. Instead of paying the duties, the clerk sells the gold for $2,000 in treasury notes, brings back $1,000 of these to the merchant and keeps the balance. Or, suppose he keeps the $1,000 in gold and allows himself to be sued for it. In the one case he has cancelled his liability, (he received $1,000, and has returned $1,000,) in the other he has only taken $1,000, and is consequently liable only to a judgment of $1,000, which he can immediately cancel through the instrumentality of *one half the gold he took.*

A gives $1,000 in coin to a common carrier for transportation, and he appropriates it to his own use. A can recover only $1,000 damages, which the carrier will cancel with one half the coin delivered to him.

Suppose ADAMS & Co. should appropriate to their own use the next shipment of coin sent to pay interest on Government bonds, and deliver instead an equal amount of legal-tender notes. The notes and the coin, 'being of *equal value in law*,' the Government is, of course, *in point of law saved harmless!*

Every banker with whom the merchant has deposited coin, in preparation for paying duties on the cargo of his expected ship, can return it in paper, and the merchant sustains *no legal injury!*

Every broker who collects Government coupons in gold can pay the amount in greenbacks to the owners of the coupons, and it must be regarded as "a fair business transacti n."

Every Sheriff who levies upon a quantity of gold coin can resound for the nominal amount in legal-tender notes and pocket the premium on the gold.

Every executor and every receiver into whose hands gold may come can do the same.

Does not the gross injustice to which the doctrine that the law does not allow the recognition of any difference in value between gold dollars and paper dollars on contracts fairly show conclusively that the doctrine cannot be sound?

It may be said that some of the examples present cases of tort and not of contract; but this is immaterial. The measure of damages in an action of tort for the wrongful conversion of property (excluding cases where exemplary damages would be allowable) would be exactly the same ordinarily as the action for the failure to deliver the same property in pursuance of a contract, where the price had been previously paid.

The foregoing considerations seem to establish conclusively not only the proposition that courts of justice always recognize the difference in the market values of different kinds of currency, where such difference of value to any considerable extent exists, but also that it is not possible to administer justice without such recognition.

It cannot be inferred from the use in the act, of the particular term 'debt,' that it an obligation to pay coin be a 'debt,' Congress intended a note or paper and coin equivalent. The idea of debt is older than money. Paper money, by the operation of the act, may be tendered to satisfy a debt of $100, simply and as well a debt of wheat, coal or gold coin. A debt of one hundred measures of oil may be satisfied by legal-tender notes; but before the notes can perform the office of a tender, the amount of the debt must be ascertained and converted into money. One may owe $1,000 in gold, and the notes are equally efficien as a tender. The idea of the value of paper money is not necessarily involved in the idea of its *capability of being used* as a tender or instrument of satisfaction. The object in making notes a legal-tender was to give them the additional utility which would result from their being current in market; but it by no means follows that, by their becoming an efficient insrument of payment, they became equal in value to gold. In this connection Mr. SELDEN says: 'We do not deny that Treasury notes are a lawful tender for all debts, whether they arise out of engagements to deliver coin or to deliver cotton, or out of any other engagements or liabilities of any kind; but the question—What is the amount of the debt, and when and how is such amount definitely ascertained, so as to become liable to be canceled by a tender or compulsory payment? must be determined before such payment or tender can be effectually made.'"

Stipulating for payment in coin, does not impair the efficiency of notes as a tender, nor will contracts in this form be universally made to the exclusion of currency contracts. It has been stated by some that by the discrimination parties seek to nullify an act of Congress—that Congress has declared that these notes shall be a tender, and by a stroke of the pen it is attempted to produce an effect which is directly opposed to what Congress proposes. Look at the matter for a moment. How far does the discrimination impair the efficiency of these notes as a tender? I sell a house to-day? Does it make any difference to me what the medium of payment is, whether gold or Treasury notes? Does it make any difference to the laborer who receives the wages by which he and his family are supported, whether he is paid in gold or Treasury notes? It does make a difference to every one who is entering into an obligation which is to mature at a distant period, and it is for the interest of both the parties to such a contract that the medium of payment should be the most fixed and stable known to the law. In making those contracts men have *always* sought to make them as stable as possible. In agricultural districts leases have often been made in which the rent has been payable in so many bushels of merchantable wheat. The motive of securing stability will operate with men to the end of time, no matter what shall be the decision of the courts upon this question.

But it is said that a recognition of this distinction will impair the credit of the Government. What is the credit of the Government? It is not like individual credit, and cannot be injuriously affected by the same causes. It depends upon the resources of the people. Governments impose taxes wherewith to pay their debts. Does it make any difference to the taxpayer in what medium he pays it? If currency is depreciated, he pays a larger amount, computed in the depreciated currency, but not larger in reality.

How rarely do we hear of an insolvent government? It is because the government is financially the people. Its ability to pay depends on the people: upon their wealth, the results of their daily production, their traffic, their intelligence, and upon their sense of justice; and so long as the men of the country are determined that the credit of the government shall be upheld, what difference can it make whether there is one or two recognized kinds of currency.

The last position to which I wish to refer, is the argument which rests upon the idea that by the recognition of the difference in value between the two kinds of currency, an injurious impression may be made upon the public mind, that the recognition of this distinction may injure the credit of the Government, by producing a sort of panic born of falsehood, which will result in actual injury. I do not believe that there exists in the community any want of discrimination upon this subject. There is no popular ignorance, which by being alarmed at the recognition of the fact might become injurious. If there be an error widespread and dangerous it is to the courts we look to dispel and not to foster it. Shall the Judiciary become an apostle of error? In questions of difficulty, and when besieged by doubts, it is to the courts we turn for the elucidation of truth—their highest function. They do not sit merely to put in operation the ordinary machinery for the execution of justice, but lifted above the influences which vex our thoughts, to set at nought the fallacies which entangle us, and express in human language, in their judgments, so much of the higher attribute of wisdom as is comprehended within the limits of the "perfection of human reason." At the end of no long period it will be a matter of general comment and astonishment that these questions should ever have been misunderstood by the courts. The causes which are now at work are so potent that they will be irresistibly led to recognize the truth.

In the examination of this important question the purpose has been to establish beyond all controversy the proposition that the two values were not declared by the Government to be, and were not, in fact, equivalent. This is the logical basis on which rests the argument in favor of the efficiency of gold contracts.

If our position is incontrovertible, it follows that gold checks, gold notes and railway securities payable in coin, have a higher value than mere currency contracts, and that merchandise may be sold for its equivalent in coin.

In conclusion permit me to quote the language of the Hon. MARTIN GROVER:

*"It is a legal fiction, contrary to a universally known truth, that paper made lawful tender by Congress is of equal value with gold coin in the payment of debts.* There may have been debtors of that stern integrity who, having received the consideration upon a gold basis, have felt it their duty to pay the debt in something of equivalent value; but I feel sure that there never was one fool enough to act upon the belief, when gold was at a premium, that gold was of no more value than paper to pay debts, and for that reason to pay his debts in coin."

I regard the conscience as anything but good that will permit its possessor to borrow gold coin and contract to repay in similar coin and then attempt to discharge the obligation with the same nominal amount of lawful tender notes, worth less than half as much as the coin. *Should the Government attempt to pay in depreciated paper, debts agreed to be paid in coin, every right-thinking man would pronounce its conduct infamous. And courts of justice pronounce similar conduct of individuals as agreeable to equity and good conscience!* I cannot so regard it. This is the most important commercial question considered in the courts of this State, except that of the constitutional power of Congress to make paper a lawful tender in the payment of debts. The effect of settling the law so that parties can by contract protect themselves from the fluctuating intrinsic value of Government paper can scarcely be appreciated. I regard it fortunate that the question is to be decided in a time of peace, when it can be calmly considered, uninfluenced by any fear that a decision either way may be disastrous to the Government." J. J. T.

FEB. 12, 1868.

### International or Universal Coinage.

FELTHAM, Middlesex, (England,) Monday, Jan. 27, 1868.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

Reading in your journal of the 10th inst. an interesting notice of Mr. RUGGLES' report on international, or (as I prefer to call it) universal coinage. I hope you will think the following remarks worthy of the attention of your enlightened readers:

All persons who have attended to currency questions in England remember how Lord Overstone, (JONES LLOYD that was,) in an examination before a committee of the House of Commons, happily epitomized a universal practice by calling gold and silver "natural money." For the purposes of money both are equally useful, although as wealth is increased, the former occasionally supersedes the latter, especially in the settlement of transactions between individuals living far apart, whether under different Governments or not. But both metals are almost everywhere in use as money, and neither can be dispensed with. Thus natural money is universal money, and the only practical problem is how, under one denomination for each metal, to make this natural money common to all the intercommunning people of civilized society.

Everywhere and at all times the ultimate test of the value of coins, whatever their name or supposed worth, is the actual quantity, determined by weight, of the precious metals in them. In the article which induces me to address you, frequent reference is made to weight as the basis of value in coins. Why, then, should not the precious metals be everywhere and at all times coined into convenient pieces exclusively by weight? Their fineness, as determined by the assayer, is an unalterable, indivisible quality.

In former times the coinage of Europe, following the natural course, was settled by weight and divided into alignot parts. The pound of silver was in England and in France the basis of all coinage. In Spain the ounce of gold, (the doubloon,) and the ounce of silver, (the dollar,) were adopted. In all cases weight was originally the test of value in coins, and the falsification or depreciation of them by successive and various governments, consisted in the main of reducing the quantity by weight of the precious metals in them, and still retaining the old name: livre, pound, which represented a far different weight.

To have a universal coinage in common use we ought, then, to go back to the old and natural plan of coining the precious metals by weight into ounces, quarters and eighths of ounces for gold—the latter coin being almost equivalent to our half sovereign—and into ounces, half and quarter ounces for silver. Thus a coinage would everywhere be established on one and the same basis. Rejecting all interference with it by any and every Government, except to certify the actual weight and fineness of the coin in use, we should have a universal coinage easily understood and common to all the different peoples of the world, thus making it impracticable for any one Government to repeat the old trick of playing fast and loose with the measure of value, by which more misery has been inflicted on society than by "pestilence and famine."

A standard of value need not and cannot be had. The relative value of the coins of different metals would be hereafter, as it is now, determined by the bullion market. If higgling be sufficient to settle the value of bread and beef it may certainly be trusted to settle the relative value of coins, the only use of which is to help us buy our bread and beef.

Society should be grateful to you, to Mr. RUGGLES and the International Monetary Conference for drawing attention to this subject, which, like division of labor, is a growth of natural society, to which all political regulations must in the end conform. Your obedient servant,

THOMAS HODGSKIN.

### The Japanese Students in this Country.

*From the Philadelphia North American, Feb. 13.*

We have on one or two occasions quoted from the letters of young Japanese who are studying in American schools. They are located at New-Brunswick, Amherst and Monson, Mass., and in one or two other places, besides those who are improving the opportunities afforded at San Francisco. ISE NUGAMAULA, writing from the former place on Monday, says:

"We are all very well and studing quite hard. We have had three more Japanese friends. One of friends came over last August. These three young men came from Yedo, and arrived to Boston. But there are not very well for studing. So moved to here last three weeks ago. Now here are altogether. We are preparing to enter college this June. So we have many lesson beside we began Latin. We are very busy this term. Next vacation we shall try to go visit you in Philadelphia. Present our best, kind regard to your all families."

We understand from other sources that the Japanese in all of the schools excel in the exact sciences, and that they manifest a great taste for machinery—matters that will be important when, in a short time, these students become teachers and governors among their countrymen.

## THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

### Another Letter from Lord Hobart.

*To the Editor of the London Times.*

SIR—The exultation of "Historicus" under the erroneous impression that he has convicted me of unfounded statements is not easy to reconcile with the nature of the statements to which he refers. I stated parenthetically, and as a consideration upon which I was not disposed to dwell, that the Royal proclamation of 1861 was issued before the British Government was "informed of the blokade." This statement I believe to have been strictly and literally true. Lord RUSSELL was indeed informed of the proclamation of the blockade by Lord LYONS in a dispatch dated April 27, 1861, and which was received on the 10th of May (i. e. some few days before the issue of the Royal proclamation), but at the date of the issue of that proclamation he had not received any official information that the blokade was actually in force, nor does it appear that he was in possession of information of any kind whatever to that effect. My statement was, therefore, strictly in accordance with the facts in replying, also, to "Historicus," I happened to spell of "the fact," as one of which it might be well to remind him, that the Royal Proclamation was issued before the British Government was informed of the actual proclamation of the blockade, and before it had any communication with the Government of the United States respecting the character of that proceeding." And I beg to inform "Historicus" that this statement was so strictly and literally true, if the word "informed" be taken to mean (as it naturally would be under the circumstances of the case) officially informed, and the word "Proclamation" to mean not the first Proclamation, which was incomplete in its scope, but the whole Presidential authority under which a blockade was instituted of the ports of the seceding States. For the second Proclamation, announcing the forthcoming blockade of the ports of North Carolina and Virginia, was not inclosed in the dispatch of Lord LYONS transmitting a copy of the first Proclamation, and it is spoken of by Lord LYONS not as having been issued, but only as having been signed on that day. But I will suppose that "Historicus" had succeeded in showing that my second statement of the matter was not, in a mere literal point of view, correct. I say, then, that virtually it was so. The meaning of that statement was (as "Historicus" must know) that the British Government had not only conceded belligerent privileges to the insurgents, and so conferred upon them immense advantages, but that it had done so with such precipitation as to issue its proclamation before it was officially informed of the President's Proclamation of blockade. Was I not virtually, and for all the purposes of the argument, correct in that statement? Hear Lord RUSSELL himself in his letter to Mr. ADAMS of the 30th August, 1865:

"On the 6th of May I stated in the House of Commons its intention of the Government, formed after due deliberation, to recognize the Southern States as belligerents. On the 13th of May I received a dispatch from Lord LYONS making the following announcement: 'I have the honor to inclose * * * copy of a Proclamation of the President of the United States, declaring that Southern privateers will be treated as pirates, and announcing a blockade of the Southern ports.'"

That is to say, not only before he had received information of the actual establishment of the blockade, but before he had received official information of the issue of the Presidential proclamation, the British Minister, in his place in Parliament, proclaimed to England and to the world that the British Government admitted the "belligerent" character of the South, and were about immediately to recognize it by a formal act. I say, then, that this statement of mine was, substantially and for the purposes of the argument, entirely correct. I have already shown that it was, in one by no means unreasonable interpretation of the words, strictly and literally so. "Historicus" appears to think that the Government was justified in not even waiting for regular official information on the subject, and in announcing to the world, in information from whatever source derived, a fact of such vital bearing upon the interests of a friendly nation as that the British Government viewed the Southern States as "belligerents." I can only say that such is not my idea of international duty.

"Historicus" does not attempt to indulge the most impotent part of my statement, that the Royal proclamation was issued before the British Government had received any communication from the Government of the United States as to its precise character; from which statement it follows that the language cited by "Historicus" in a former letter as of such immense import, and used by Mr. SEWARD to Lord LYONS, about "public law" and "belligerents," afforded at all events, no excuse for the British premature proclamation. Since more than I should recently, and have never condemned, that proclamation. I have merely attempted to prove that which I should have thought self-evident—that the objections to it taken by the United States are far from being without foundation.

There are some further observations in your correspondent's letter to which it is necessary that I should reply. And, first, I would observe that he appears to forget, in the pleasant consciousness of having demonstrated what the very length of the published correspondence on this subject would seem almost sufficient to preserve, viz., the assertion that there is absolutely nothing to be found favorable to my view given by the United States of our recognition of belligerency, that he has taken ground which the British Government has not ventured to occupy, and that even if he were right, the British Government, not having taken this ground hitherto, would be debarred from it now. This is the national dignity, not the absolute and indubitable conclusiveness of the case, on which they have broken off the negotiations; and the elaborate reasoning of "Historicus" on that subject has, therefore, no practical interest for them.

There is one admission which I may freely make. "Historicus" has convinced me that the inadvertent and unintended use of the term "belligerent" in my practice" would have been better avoided; the more so as any approach to personal recrimination on a question of such deep and vital importance seems very like an insult to both countries. My meaning was that to hold up certain extracts from Mr. SEWARD's dispatches, as by universal Courts, produces "evident" knowledge of its contents, and concludes beyond all possibility of question that we were right in the instant and publicly announced recognition of the South as belligerent, was a mode of reasoning that could scarcely be considered fair. The proposition which "Historicus" had to prove was that our Government absolutely overturned, by

or the whole of the rent, and was afterward found in possession of a still in that place, that was evidence from which they might infer that he was carrying on the trade of a distiller.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, but recommended him to the mercy of the Court.

For the United States, Mr. Bell; for the defendant, Mr. Dittenhoeffer.

### FRAUDULENT REVENUE STAMPS.

*The United States* vs. *Oscar Hoym.*—The accused in this case was indicted for affixing fraudulent revenue stamps to boxes of cigars sold by him. The law required that the boxes should be inspected and stamped with the name of the Inspector and his district, and the date of the inspection. It appeared that in May, 1867, the defendant sold to a cigar dealer in the Bowery, 15,000 cigars, which were afterward seized on the ground that the stamps were fraudulent. Hoym, though admitting that the cigars had belonged to and been sold by him, did not appear to contest the suit brought to forfeit the cigars. The boxes were all stamped, but the name of the Inspector was illegible and the date of the inspection was Jan. 15, 1867, while experts swore that the cigars were freshly made, probably not more than ten or fifteen days old. A witness was also called for the defendant, who testified that in March previous he was in Hoym's employ, and worked at No. 81 Suffolk-street, in packing cigars, and that he affixed similar stamps to the boxes at Hoym's direction, and that Hoym also affixed some. The defence called four witnesses who testified that No. 81 Suffolk-street was Hoym's residence, and that he had done no business there whatever, while the Government on the other hand proved that he had taken out a license as a tobacco manufacturer at that place and had given the usual bond, which had been forfeited. The case went to the jury on the question of fact, and they found the accused guilty.

For the United States, Mr. Bell; for defendant, Mr. Clarkson.

### SELLING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

*The United States* vs. *William Spike.*—The accused in this case was charged with selling $200 in counterfeit fifty-cent stamps to one S. Morrow, Jr. Morrow's testimony showed that he was connected with the office of United States Commissioner Whitehead in Newark, and being desirous of doing a little something in the detective business, he came over to New-York and sought an introduction to Spike. He led the conversation to the subject of counterfeit money, and finally said he wanted some, whereupon Spike offered to sell him some, and produced this package, which Morrow bought for $30. There was no evidence for the defence, and the jury found the prisoner guilty.

For the United States, Mr. Bell; for defendant, Mr. Waite.

### FALSE INTERNAL REVENUE RETURNS.

*The United States* vs. *Solomon Cohn.*—The accused was put on trial charged with having made a false return of sales of cigars by him in August, 1866, under the law as it then stood. His return was of $40,000 for the month at $12 a thousand. The Government proved by entries in his books, which they had seized; that he sold to one man more than 150,000, and that none of his sales were for less than $20 a thousand. Parties who had bought of him were also called, and testified to the same rate of sales, and produced his bills. It was further proved that Cohn had had a quarrel with his wife, and that he had said that he did not dare to leave his books at home for fear his wife would get them. The defence claimed that it was not necessary under the law to include in the return sales of cigars bought by Cohn, but only sales of such as he manufactured. They did not, however, prove that these were sales of cigars that he had bought, and the Judge held that returns of such sales must be made as the law then stood.

The jury found a verdict of guilty.

For the United States, Mr. Phelps and Mr. Bell; for defendant, Mr. Sedgwick.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

*Before Judge Blatchford and a Jury.*

### REVENUE FORFEITURES.

*The United States* vs. *Eighteen bales of blankets and eight bales of blankets.*—This was a case brought to forfeit the goods for alleged under-valuation. The goods were manufactured at Piermont, near Paris, by T. A. Bolher, and by him shipped to this country, one invoice in December, 1861, and one in January, 1862. He stated the value in the invoices at eleven francs a pair. On appraisal at the Custom-house their value was raised to fifteen francs a pair. A reappraisement was demanded, and the reappraisers valued them at sixteen francs. Thereupon the goods were seized as forfeited for the under-valuation.

The claimant gave testimony by witnesses examined on commission, that the goods though shipped in December and January, were actually manufactured by him in September previous, and that the invoice stated their value correctly at that time, while the appraisers had taken their value at the time of shipment.

The Court held that under the act of 1823, section 3, the market value at the time of manufacture was the proper value to be stated by the manufacturer in his invoice, instead of the value at the time of shipment. The Government witnesses were recalled and testified that the value was higher than 11 francs even at the time of manufacture, the price of blankets having risen very much after the battle of Bull Run and the indications of a long war in this country. The question of fact as to the value at that time was left to the jury, and they found a verdict for the claimant.

For the United States, Mr. Allen; for claimant, Mr. Choate.

*The United States* vs. *A Quantity of Distilled Spirits, &c., found at No. 371 East Ninth-street.*—This was an action to forfeit a rectifying establishment. When this action was commenced the place was bonded, but was afterward seized again, charged with another offence, and was forfeited in that case some days since. The ground of seizure in this case was the finding twelve barels of whisky in it without any brand, and sixteen others empty, but having the brand of a general inspector upon them. A brand corresponding with it was also found on the premises. The defendant gave no evidence and a verdict was rendered in favor of the Government. For the United States, Mr. Courtney and Mr. Rollins; for claimant, Mr. Birdsall.

*The United States* vs. *A Quantity of Distilled Spirits, &c., at the Distillery of Benjamin Derick, in Forty-eighth-street.*—This was an action to forfeit a distillery and on two grounds, viz.: that the notice given on making the application was false in not stating correctly the names of the owners of the kind and capacity of the utensils, and that the distillery was improperly constructed in having but one receiving cistern.

The Court ordered a verdict of forfeiture on the latter ground.

*The United States* vs. *A Still, &c., at No. 122 Clinton-place.*—In this case a still had been found running in the rear of a grocery store, and by direction of the Court a verdict of forfeiture against the property was rendered.

*The United States* vs. *A Quantity of Distilled Spirits, &c. Seized at Fifty-fourth-street, near First-avenue.*—This was an action to forfeit a distillery owned by Finlay, the Secretary of the Liquor Dealers' Association, on a charge of removing some 700 or 800 barrels, within ten days, more than they had paid tax on.

The complainant allowed the case to go by default, and the property was forfeited.

## UN TED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY—SPECIFICATIONS OF OPPOSITION—REFERENCE.

*In the matter of Alfred Beardsley, a Bankrupt.*—BLATCHFORD, J.—The first, second, fourth, sixth and seventh specifications filed as grounds of opposition to the discharge of the bankrupt in this case are altogether too vague and general to be triable.

The first is that the bankrupt has falsely set forth in his petition and schedules that he had no property. It ought to specify what property he had. The second is that he had property rights and choses in action at the time of filing his petition. It should specify the property. The fourth is that he has concealed and covered up his property for the purpose of defrauding his creditors existing at the time of filing his petition. Unless it means all his property it should specify what property; and if it means all his property, the time, place, manner and circumstances of the concealing and covering up should be specified. The sixth is that he has not set forth all his property in the schedules filed with his petition, and that the schedules are false in that particular, and that he had divers kinds of personal property besides that at the place named in the third and fifth specifications. This is too general. It should specify what the omitted property was. The seventh is that he has omitted to set forth all the debts owing by him to the schedules filed with his petition. It should specify the debts omitted. The first, second, sixth and seventh are all of them open to the further objection that they do not allege that the omissions referred to in them were willful, fraudulent or negligent. This is necessary under section 29 of the act. The eighth is that the bankrupt omitted to set forth a debt owing by him to Hervey G. Law of about $2,000, resting in account, and which was not outlawed. This specification is bad for the reason that it does not aver that the omission was fraudulent or negligent. The third is that "said Beardsley had an interest in the property in and the business conducted at the saloon at —— Liberty-street, City of New-York, at the time of making and filing said petition, of the value of $3,000, and the said business was and is carried on for his sole benefit." The fifth is that "the business of said saloon is pretended to be conducted in the name of one Pope, but really for the benefit of said Beardsley, with intent to defraud said creditors"—that is, creditors existing at the time of filing his petition. Although the third, standing by itself, might be open to the objection that it does not aver any willful, fraudulent or negligent omission by the bankrupt in respect to the property referred, yet I think the third and fifth, taken in connection with each other, and with the petition and schedules, present triable matters. The third must be read in connection with the fifth, and the omissions and acts referred to in them must be regarded as being averred to have been made and done with intent to defraud creditors existing at the time of filing the petition, and therefore fraudulently within the provisions of section 29. A reference is ordered to Register Allen, the Register who has had charge of the case, in case either party desires to take any testimony in addition to what has already been taken, to take such testimony in respect solely to the matters set forth in the third and fifth specifications, and report it to the Court. On the coming in of this report the case can be brought on for hearing before the Court.

R. F. Higgins for the creditor; Edwin James for the bankrupt.

## COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned to Feb. 24.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—PART 1.

*Held by Ingraham, J.*

*Oyer and Terminer* will be in session. No civil cases.

*Part II.—Held by Mullen, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 1115 | Beetwick vs. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. | 1192 | Osgood et al., ex'rs, vs. Neptune Steamship Co. |
| 1212 | Hughes vs. Rorke. | | |
| 1170 | Field vs. Sutliff et al. | 1194 | Burnett et al. vs. Fiske et al. |
| 118 | Gilmore vs. Cheesbrough. | 1196 | Prentiss vs. Field et al. |
| 1183 | Osgood et al., receiver, vs. Lyman. | 1196 | Gilmanton vs. Iesns. |
| 1184 | Post et al. vs. Tilt et al. | 1200 | Banks vs. Conover et al. |
| 1186 | Hopkins vs. Hadley et al. | 1202 | Bayendahl et al. vs. Clark et al. |
| 1188 | Gibbons vs. Curtis et al. | 1206 | Willard vs. Crawford. |
| 1190 | Ryan, adm'r, vs. Third-avenue Railroad Co. | 1208 | Marshall vs. Wakeman et al. |
| | | 1210 | Watson et al. vs. King |
| | | 1212 | Evens vs. Aufmord et al. |
| | | 1216 | Gillman vs. Phillips. |

*Part III.—Held by Hogeboom, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 413 | Dyer vs. Otis et al. | 608 | Tyson et al. vs. Moore et al. |
| 179 | Morrell vs. Hudson R. R. Co. | 883 | Gould vs. Leiddon et al. |
| 717 | Cohen et al. vs. McGay. | 1084½ | Matthews vs. Hoffy. |
| 961 | Levy vs. Reichman. | 960 | Monahan vs. Hicks et al. |
| 479 | Merritt et al. vs. Bailey et al. | 410 | Sturgis et al. vs. Robert. |
| 699 | Hale vs. Holladay. | | |
| 134 | Sharkey vs. Franklin. | 1062½ | Bradley vs. Somerindyke et al. |
| 876 | Mintz vs. Thirsen. | | |
| 284 | Webster vs. Rackett et al. | 493 | Tucker et al. vs West U. Tel. Co. |
| 140 | Hurlbut vs. Wright et al. | 780 | Mackewon vs. Finigan. |
| 663 | Grund et al. vs. Pendegast et al. | 258 | Howard vs. Wright. |

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

*Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.*

*Demurrers.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 48 | Williams vs. Trull, | 36 | Fisher et al vs. Fowler, impl'd, &c. |
| 17 | Fisher et al. vs. King et al. | 35 | Pullman vs. Mayor, &c. of New-York. |

*Issues of Law and Fact.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 47 | Imp. and Trad. Nat. Bank of N. Y. vs. Arnold et al. vs. | 127 | Thompson vs. Bogert et al. |
| 99 | Wav. Nat. Bank vs. Halsey et al. | 128 | Monheimer vs. Iseff et al. |
| 109 | Miller, &c., vs. Same. | 130 | Keeler et al. vs Keeler. |
| 122 | Sprague vs. Meyer et al | 131 | Parker, Adams, &c., vs. Reed et al. |
| 123 | Appleby vs. Woodgate et al. | 132 | Ackerman vs. Ackerman et al. |
| 124 | Kinnier vs. Kinnier. | 133 | Sus. Nak. Bank vs. Morford et al. |
| 125 | Conner vs. Mukles et al. | 134 | Webb vs. Buckalew. |
| 126 | Henning et al. vs. At. Ins. Co. St. Louis. | 135 | Arnoux vs. Barnes, &c. |

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

*Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Call of Calendar at 12 M.*

The third Monday Calendar will be called.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

*Held by Barbour, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 2847 | Wood vs. DeCamp. | 3695 | Fisher vs. Schirmer et al. |
| 3481 | Bayard vs. Lamborne et al. | 3271 | Thurber vs. Jaquemot et al. |
| 1799 | Ladier vs. Wyman et al. | 2279 | Coit vs. Planer et al. |
| 1723 | Ripley vs. Jerome. | 3501 | Muir et al. vs. West. |
| 3545 | Strubacher et al. vs. Rettech et al. | 3363 | Cranston vs. Mowry. |
| 3681 | Schemmerhorn vs. Am. Emigrant Aid and H. Co. | 3763 | Polhamus vs. Corlies. |
| 3867 | Janeway vs. Newman, &c. | 3705 | McCarthy vs. McGrade et al. |
| | | 3767 | Weil et al. vs. Bourdon et al. |

*Part IL.—Held by McCunn J.—Court Opens at 11 A. M.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 3733 | Coster vs. Peters. | 3338 | Parker vs. Godkin et al |
| 37 4 | Perry vs. Rosenblatt. | 1774 | Jaffray et al vs. Ramage et al. |
| 3868 | Eagleson vs. Broughton. | 3642 | White vs. Arkush. |
| 3736 | Broadway Bank vs. Howard. | 3782 | Adams vs. Blomcan et al. |
| 2078 | Security Ins. Co. vs. New Jersey Steam Nav. Co. | 3760 | Donase vs. Genin. |
| 2618 | Sturgis vs. N. J. St'm Nav. Co | 3348 | Dodge et al vs. N. Y. and Wash. S. S. Co. |
| 3338 | Busler vs. Goldstein et al. | 3832 | Koenig vs. Schwendler. |
| | | 3420 | Berry et al et al vs. Goldstein. |

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Adjourned for the term.

*Part II.—Held by Barrett, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 942 | Franklin Mfg. Co. vs. Star Fire Ins. Co. | 908 | Burke vs. Nat. Steam Nav. Co. |
| 886 | Kaiser vs. Kalman. | 694 | Sinclair, &c. vs. Allaire. |
| 870 | Fiske vs. Thatcher et al. | 975 | Leaney vs. Clark. |
| | | 976 | Allen, Adm'x vs. Goodman. |
| 905 | Thompson vs. Burns et al. | 788 | Pierce, &c., vs. Poole. |
| 925 | Kennedy vs. Siegmann et al. | 732 | Elson vs. Hart. |
| | | 933 | McKeon vs. Gaffney. |
| 966 | Arnold vs. Redford. | 939 | McKeon vs. Hayes. |
| 991 | Hurich vs. Wiormer. | | |

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

*Held by Alker, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| — | Corlies vs. Wolf. | 168 | Fach vs. Peekskill Iron Co. |
| — | Murphy vs. Kelly. | 169 | Kupler vs. Albeck. |
| 32 | Thuessuine vs. Glover. | 170 | McGrann vs. Wicker. |
| — | Seiss vs. Wolf. | 171 | Hattemeyer vs. Elbsan. |
| 161 | O'Hara vs. Carpenter. | 172 | Weightman vs. Green. |
| 89 | Walker vs. Woodford. | 173 | Burchardt vs. Taylor. |
| 104 | Kossmeyer vs. Gerard. | 174 | Clinton vs. McQuade. |
| 134 | Sharkey vs. Franklin. | 175 | Gunson vs. M. Gaslight Co. |
| 125 | Feldman vs. Nelson. | | |
| 130 | Goodnough vs. Branch. | 176 | Taylor vs. Crary. |
| — | Alerigo vs. Weeks. | 177 | Dunne vs. Teague. |
| 162 | Dunn vs. Richards. | 178 | Freeland vs. Teague. |
| 163 | Durnin vs. Post. | 179 | Lenar vs. Schirmer. |
| 164 | Burns vs. Snyder. | 180 | Greene vs. Orth. |
| 165 | Ehlen vs. Weigold. | 181 | Clark vs. Smith. |
| 166 | Brown vs. Smith. | | |
| 167 | Martin vs. Lynch. | | |

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

*Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.*

The People vs. Richard Caser; murder.
The People vs. Wm. O'Brien; murder.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

*Held by Hackett, Recorder.*

The People vs. Edwin Kelly; homicide.
The People vs. Charles Sturk, Charles Harrold, Adam Kissenger; homicide.
The People vs. Thomas Brennan, Mathew Donohoe; burglary.
The People vs. Henry Becker; burglary.
The People vs. Daniel Hudner, Thomas Clancy, John Moore.
The People vs. James Welsh, Thomas Scarlet; burglary.
The People vs. John Hannon; petty larceny.
The People vs. James Morgan; grand larceny.
The People vs. Wm. Findly, Wm. Morgan; grand larceny.
The People vs. Charles Allen; false pretences.
The People vs. Gerald Dalton; forgery.
The People vs. Charles Miller; assault and battery, felonious.
The People vs. Thomas Lynch; assault and battery, felonious.
The People vs. Charles Clancy; assault and battery, felonious.
The People vs. Joseph Munkhoff; assault and battery, felonious.
The People vs. John D. Grady; receiving stolen goods.
The People vs. Edward Hanbury, Michael Noonan; receiving stolen goods.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT.

*Held by Thompson J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.*

| Nos. | | Nos. | |
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| 14 | Smith vs. Statts. | 83 | Moses vs. Ketcham et al. |
| 31 | Sutton vs. Bard. | 95 | Underhill vs. Mitchell et al. |
| 47 | Dunoms vs. Bergen. | 106 | Marsteller vs. Simpson. |
| 45 | Michaels vs. Campbell. | 98 | Bates vs. Wilson. |
| 7 | Harrison vs. Froederanx. | 102 | F. Specht vs. N. Y. & Brooklyn Ferry Co. |
| 7½ | Harrison vs. Laurens. | 103 | E. Specht vs. N. Y. & Brooklyn Ferry Co. |
| 1 | Cole vs. Quin. | 125 | Trabaut vs. Moyanburg. |
| 57 | Clagget vs. Sweet. | | |
| 76 | Giesbecht vs. Whitock et al. | | |

## MONETARY AFFAIRS.

**Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 15, 1868.**

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| $20,000 | U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R. | 100 | West. U. Tel. |
| | 62 | 40 | Pacific Mail |
| 75,000 | U. S. 6s, 5-20, C., | 40 | do |
| | 62 | 5 | do 2d call |
| 305,500 | do Small | 400 | Atlantic Mail |
| 2,000 | do Small | 100 | Central Coal Co. |
| 5,000 | U. S. 6s, 5-2's, C. '64 | 20 | Adams Ex. Co. |
| 81,500 | U. S. 5-20s, C., '65 new | 300 | do |
| 1,500 | U. S. 5-20s, C., '67 new issue | 100 | U. S. Ex. |
| 17,000 | do | 10 | Mer. U. Ex. |
| 45,000 | U. S. 6s, 5-20, R., '67, new iss. | 100 | do |
| 25,000 | U. S. 6s, 10-40, C. | 100 | N. Y. Cen. R. |
| 57,000 | do | 300 | do |
| 2,000 | U. S. 6s, '81, C. | 200 | do |
| 5,000 | do 81 6s, ex-c. | 100 | Erie R. |
| 150,000 | Tenn. 6s, new | 200 | do |
| 55,000 | do | 100 | Clev. & Pitts R. |
| 10,000 | do | 200 | do |
| 70,000 | do 2d call | 200 | Reading R. |
| 11,000 | Vir. 6s, new | 5 | Mich. Cen. R. |
| 26,000 | Virginia 6s, ex-c | 300 | M. S. & N. I. R. |
| 1,000 | N. Car. 6s | 12 | do |
| 10,000 | do 2d call | 52 | 18 Panama R. |
| 20,000 | N. C. S. 6s, new | 20 | Clev., Col. & Cin. R. |
| 8,000 | Mo. 6s, H. & St. Jo. | 600 | Unic. & N. W. Pf. |
| | do Issue | 150 | do |
| 1,000 | N. Y. Cen. 7s '76 | 10 | do |
| 1,200 | Buff. N. Y. & Erie 7s | 100 | Chic. & R. I. |
| 1,000 | Atl. & Pac. 1st M. | 200 | Mil. & St. Paul Pf. |
| 10,000 | C. & N. W. Con. Conv. Bs. | 100 | do |
| 10,000 | G. W. 7s, 2d M. | 200 | do 2d call |
| 1,000 | M. & P. du C. 1st M | 100 | N. J. Cen. R. |
| 1,000 | Chi. R. I. & P. 7s | 50 | do |
| 1,000 | Cl. & Pitts. 2d M. | 400 | P., Ft. W. & C. |
| 10,000 | M. & St. P. Int. Bs. | 100 | do |
| 10,000 | do | 10 | do |
| 2,000 | Mor. & Es. 1st M. | 20 | do |
| 5,000 | do | 300 | N. Y. & N. H. R. |
| 1,000 | do | 300 | O. & Miss. R. |
| 17,000 | Mor. & Ex. 2d | 200 | do 2d call |
| 5,000 | C. & G. E. 1st M. | 700 | Mar. & C. 1st Pf. |
| 1,000 | Tol. & W. 2d | 400 | do |
| 26 | Ocean Bank | 400 | do 2d call |
| 50 | Bk. of the Com'th. | 18 | Mar. & C. 2d Pf. |
| 11 | Imp. & Trad. B'k | 100 | do |
| 50 | Phenix Bank | 500 | do |
| 100 | Canton Co. | 200 | do 2d call |
| 100 | do | 200 | H. & St. J. Pf. |

SECOND BOARD.

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| 12,000 | Tenn. 6s, new | 400 | Harlem R. |
| 50,000 | do | 400 | Readin. R. |
| 10,000 | do 2d call | 32 | M. S. & N. I. R. |
| 45,000 | Va. St. 7s | 50 | Mil. & St. P. |
| 30,000 | N. C. St. 6s, new | 200 | L. S. & St. J. R. |
| 1,000 | N. Car. 6s, ex-c | 300 | do |
| 15,000 | Chi. & G. E. 1st | 100 | Chic. & N. W. Pf. |
| 50,000 | Gr. W. 2d M. | 100 | do |
| 1,000 | M. & St. P. 1st M. | 500 | do |
| 200 | Com. Coal Pr. | 100 | Chic. & R. I. R. |
| 300 | West. U. Tel. | 100 | Bost. H. & E. |
| 50 | Pacific Mail | 100 | Ohio & Miss. R. |
| 100 | Quick. Mun. Co. | 20 | P., F. W. & C. |
| 100 | U. S. Ex. | 100 | do |
| 5 | Mar. & C. 2d Pf. | 100 | do |
| 100 | Atlantic Mail | 100 | Tol., W. & W. Pf. |
| 100 | do | 85 | New-Jersey Cen. R. |
| 200 | Mer. U. Ex. | 10 | do |
| 600 | N. Y. Cen. | 100 | do |
| 38 | do | 100 | Mar. & C. 1st Pf. |
| 2 | Erie R. | 100 | do |
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| 200 | do | 500 | Mil. & St. P. Pf. |
| 200 | do | 70 | do |
| 200 | Erie R. Pf. | 60 | do |

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

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| 100 | Canton Co. | 61 | |
| 100 | do | 62½ | |
| 8.0 | At. Mail | 97 | |
| 200 | do | 97½ | |
| 1250 | West. U. Tel. | 95½ | |
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| 200 | Erie R. Pf. | 69 | |

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| 100 | Tol., W. & W. | 47¾ | |
| 100 | do | 48¼ | |
| 100 | P., Ft. W. & C. | 101¾ | |
| 800 | At. Mail | 97 | |
| 100 | Ohio & M. R. | 32½ | |
| 200 | do | 32¾ | |
| 1250 | West. U. Tel. | 95¾ | |
| 100 | do | 95¾ | |
| 200 | do | 95¾ | |
| 100 | Clev. & Pitts. | 96¾ | |
| 200 | do | 97 | |
| 100 | Clev. & Tol. | 77½ | |
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| 100 | Chic. & N. W. | 70¾ | |
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| 100 | Chic. & N. W. Pf. | 74¾ | |
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# The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, FEB. 17, 1868.


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ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st. and Irving-place.
LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR. Characters by Mme. de la Grange, Sig. Brignoli Sig. Orlandini, Sig. Colletti. Conductor, Sig. Bacolao.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
PAULINE. Characters by Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. A. W. Young, Mr. J. B. Polk, Mr. G. H. Rockwell, Mr. G. F. Browne, Mr. W. J. Leonard, Miss Rose Eytinge, Miss Kate Rance, Mrs. John Sefton, Miss Mary Barrett.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THE WHITE FAWN.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
LITTLE BAREFOOT. Characters by Miss Maggie Mitchell, Mrs. A. Hind, Mrs. C. Edmunds, Messrs. J. W. Collier, G. L. Fox, W. Davidge, Owen Marlowe.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.
Broadway, near 8th-st.
THE STREETS OF NEW-YORK. Characters by the Worrell Sisters, Messrs. J. R. Mortimer, C. T. Parsloe, Jr., G. F. Olarke, Geo. Lingard, H. C. Ryner, Welsh Edwards, Miss Celia Logan, Mrs. Wright.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, near Broome-st.
THE PET OF THE PETTICOATS, and FAMILY JARS. Leading character by Lotta.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
OUR FEMALE AMERICAN COUSIN, THE COINERS, THE ARAB TROUPE, &c. Miss Julia Daly as Pamela.

PARK THEATRE.
Brooklyn.
FANCHON. Principal character by Miss Emma Maddon.

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RED RIDING HOOD, large collection of wild animals, living giraffe, and 200,000 curiosities.

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Corner of Broadway and 30th-st.
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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### EUROPE.

The dinner to Admiral FARRAGUT is characterized as a grand affair by the dispatches relating to it published in another column. The speeches and sentiments were all indicative of the friendly relation of the two countries.

Lord STANLEY is expected to shortly succeed Earl DERBY at the head of the Ministry. Lord DERBY, however, still lives, as also Judge SHEE, notwithstanding the announcement of the death of both gentlemen, made in London and in this City Saturday.

No changes in the Ministry, and no important alterations of the Constitution are, we are informed, contemplated by the French Government.

A fire occurred at Antwerp, yesterday, which at first threatened to be very destructive, but which was subsequently subdued after a comparatively small damage had been done.

The statements relative to the suspicious movements of the Egyptian corps of the Abyssinian expedition are not confirmed by the latest advices.

The steamship *America*, from Bremen Feb. 1 and Southampton Feb. 5, arrived at this port yesterday.

### CONGRESS.

There was no session of the Senate Saturday. In the House the consideration of the Kentucky contested election case was resumed. Mr. SAMUEL E. SMITH, the contestant, addressed the House at length in favor of his claim to the seat. He contended that as Mr. BROWN, who received a majority of votes, had been declared ineligible, the votes cast for him should not have been considered in the count, and that as he (SMITH) received a majority of all others cast, he was entitled to the seat. After a general debate, the resolution reported from the Committee on Elections declaring that neither Mr. BROWN nor Mr. SMITH was entitled to the seat, and authorizing the Speaker to notify the Governor of Kentucky that a vacancy existed in the representation of that State, was adopted without a division. The correspondence between Gens. GRANT and HANCOCK relative to the removal of the New-Orleans Councilmen was read and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. It will be found in full in other columns of the TIMES this morning. Mr. PAINE rose to a question of privileges, and denied in the most emphatic manner the sensation reports telegraphed to a New-York paper relative to what occurred between members of the Committee on Reconstruction, when the question of impeachment was recently under consideration. He said there was not a shadow of truth in the whole report. In Committee of the Whole the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was discussed for some time, but the House adjourned without disposing of it.

### GENERAL.

By the arrival of the steamship *Great Republic*, at San Francisco, from Japan and China, we are in telegraphic receipt of highly interesting intelligence from those parts, which will be found in another column. Advices from Japan state that a formidable revolution had broken out in consequence of the opening of ports to foreigners. The young Mikado was a prisoner and the late Shogoon, Gross CASHI, was in flight. Admiral BELL, of the United States Navy, was drowned at the mouth of the Osaka River, Jan. 11.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM says that his sole personal agency in the defeat of Col. BURNS, in the Ohio Eighth Congressional District, consisted in his declining to take the stump; but he adds that if circumstances occurred a short time previous, to cause him indirectly to be instrumental in the failure of the party to elect its nominee, it was surely no fault of his. He takes occasion to characterize the nomination as one not fit to be made, and to condemn the proneness of the Democratic politicians of the State to regard policy only.

The City Council of St. Louis, Mo., having learned of a disposition on the part of Congress to move the national capital to the Mississippi Valley, have adopted resolutions requesting Senators DRAKE and HENDERSON, and Representatives PILE and NEWSOMS, from that city, to offer all the inducements necessary to secure the removal of the national capital to St. Louis County. They have also adopted resolutions asking the State Legislature to assist in effecting this object.

At Richmond, Va., on Saturday, Judge UNDERWOOD remanded CHURCHWELL COMBS to the custody of the military. He decided that Congress which was the war-making power, has not yet declared peace; and the country being in a state of armistice, the civil courts have no right to take prisoners out of military custody. The case goes up to the Supreme Court.

The project to effect the union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada has awakened attention in California; and on Saturday last, resolutions were introduced in the Legislature of that State, urging that it is of the utmost importance to the Pacific States and the whole American Union that British Columbia be annexed to the United States.

The Canadians are preparing to resist invasion. A dispatch from Toronto states that Provincial gunboats are being got ready for service on the opening of navigation. They will be temporarily manned by naval brigades now in commission. A gunboat will be stationed at Prescot. Imperial gunboats will also be ready in the Spring to assist in patrolling the lakes.

Another meeting of cigar manufacturers was held in St. Louis on Friday night last, at which it was unanimously agreed that affixing a stamp to each cigar could not be carried out, and even if it were practicable it would ruin their business. A Committee was appointed to report the views of cigar-makers in writing, and send them to the proper authorities at Washington.

News from South America, received in Lisbon and England, sets forth the fact that the cholera was still raging in Buenos Ayres, and that much sickness prevailed in the camps of both the armies. No fighting had occurred. The revolt in Santa Fé, one of the provinces of the Argentine Republic, had been successful.

The revolution in the southern part of Hayti, we learn from Havana despatches, has become general. Gen. SOLOMON, the present Minister to the European Courts, has been proclaimed President in place of SALNAVE, against whose authority all the principal towns have rebelled.

Both branches of the State Legislature were in session Saturday, but without transacting any business of importance adjourned to Tuesday evening the 25th inst.

On Saturday, LEADS' Block, in Natick, Mass., was destroyed by fire. The loss, which is set down at $50,000, is understood to be almost wholly covered by insurance.

A Washington dispatch reasserts that the appointment of Minister to England has been tendered to Gen. MCCLELLAN.

A monster cannon from the Pittsburg foundry passed through Jersey City yesterday morning. It is intended for one of the forts in New-York Harbor.

The Tennessee Conservative Convention have renominated ANDREW JOHNSON for the Presidency.

Justice DOWLING has rendered his decision in the case of Mrs. ROSETTA M. HARDIE, who was accused of perjury, in having, on the 25th of November, 1867, testified before Judge SMITH that she had paid a half-year's rent, amounting to $2,500, to Mr. COURTLANDT PALMER, Jr., at her house in Fourteenth-street. He required her to enter into a recognizance in $1,000, to answer any bill of indictment that may be found against her by the Grand Jury. Mrs. HARDIE, not having the required bail in court, was committed to a cell in the Tombs.

The sixty-second anniversary of the Peithologian Society of Columbia College was celebrated Saturday night at the Academy of Music, before a large and fashionable audience. Appropriate orations were delivered by Messrs. James M. Brady, D. L. Peabody, Wm. Fanning, Wm. B. Cutting, Chas. H. Frank, Wm. H. Sage, Joseph J. Casey and H. A. W. Barclay.

A public meeting in behalf of the Missionary Society connected with St. Paul's M. E. Church, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-second street, was held in that place last evening. Eloquent addresses in support of the home and foreign missionary movement were made by Rev. Dr. JOHN COTTON SMITH and Rev. J. M. BUCKLEY, of Brooklyn.

Rev. Dr. ANDERSON, late one of the Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, delivered a discourse last evening on "The Success of Missions," in the Madison-square Presbyterian Church to a large and attentive congregation.

A large meeting in behalf of the mission work of the American Tract Society in the Southern States, was held last evening in Rev. Dr. HALL'S Presbyterian Church, Fifth-avenue, corner Nineteenth-street. The pastor of the church presided, and Rev. Drs. STEVENSON, G. R. SHEARER and HOWARD CROSBY and "Uncle John" VASSAR delivered addresses.

Mr. S. KRISTELLER, a converted Israelite, was ordained as a Baptist Minister of the Gospel, with interesting exercises, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, in Second-avenue, near Tenth-street, last evening.

An extraordinary heavy business was transacted in cotton on Saturday, at a marked advance in prices. Breadstuffs and provisions were in fair request. Flour, pork, hogs and bacon were dearer. Oats and lard depressed. Other branches of trade exhibited no important alteration.

### A Slight Recollection of a Busy Life—Not H. G.'s.

The *Tribune*, in common with the ultra rebel papers of the South, and the Democratic papers of the North, has derived great comfort for the last year or two from the alleged inconsistency of the Editor of the TIMES, in having spoken *against* the Reconstruction act in Congress, and then voted *for* it. So long as it was simply made a matter of accusation and abuse, we have given it little attention; but when Mr. RAYMOND'S action in Congress, or any part of it, becomes a ground of compliment or praise in the quarters referred to, the matter becomes serious. We took it for granted that it was all true,—that Mr. RAYMOND did speak against the Reconstruction bill, and then vote for it,—and that his action in both cases was, as the *Tribune* usually represents it, utterly unprincipled, treasonable and infamous.

Our first suspicion that the facts might be otherwise grew out of the remark in the *Tribune* of Saturday that "Mr. RAYMOND'S *votes* in such cases were right,"—though "his previous opposition to his vote is ground of complaint." When the *Tribune* indorses anything that Mr. RAYMOND ever did, said or thought, in regard to politics or anything else, as "*right*," it is time to be looking about! Something must be wrong somewhere. So we consulted Mr. R. in regard to the facts of the present case,—and were, we confess, a good deal surprised, (as Mr. R. said he was himself,) to find that he had not either spoken on both sides, or voted on both sides, or spoken on one side and voted on the other. He said he had always taken it for granted that he had done one or all of these things,—because he had seen the statement made so often in the Southern rebel Press, and in the *Tribune*;—and he had never supposed it was possible for either to make any statement on any subject whatever that was not strictly and literally true. But the *Tribune's* compliment startled and alarmed him; and upon reviving his Recollections of a rather Busy Session of Congress, he discovered the facts to be substantially these:

The original Reconstruction bill was reported by Mr. STEVENS from the Reconstruction Committee about the middle of February, 1867,—and was discussed for several days. It was purely and exclusively a *military bill*,—handing over the ten Southern States absolutely to military rule,—to the control of the commanders of departments for which the bill provided. It abolished the then existing State Governments, but made no provision whatever for erecting new Governments, or for any civil organization and rule of the Southern States. Nor was there in it any provision for the readmission of any of those States to the Union, at any time or on any terms. As Mr. STEVENS himself frankly confessed, "*it was not intended as a reconstruction bill*,—but was simply a *police bill* to protect loyal men from anarchy and murder, until Congress, *taking more time*, could prepare a bill for the admission of these States upon the basis of civil Government."

*That* bill Mr. RAYMOND opposed in a speech,—as did also Mr. GRISWOLD of this State, Gen. BANKS of Massachusetts, Mr. BINGHAM of Ohio, and other Republican members,—all of them on the ground that it was utterly inadequate to the emergency,—that it made no provision for reconstruction, and that it merely established a military despotism over the Southern States. Mr. BINGHAM brought forward an amendment, declaring that, whenever the States would perform certain acts, ratify the Amendment to the Constitution adopted the previous year, and adopt constitutions conceding impartial suffrage and otherwise acceptable to Congress, they should be readmitted. Mr. STEVENS and his friends resisted this amendment, and refused to withdraw the previous question so as to allow it to be voted upon. But the fear was expressed that, if the whites were all allowed to vote, the Radicals could not carry the Southern States even with the help of universal negro suffrage; and this led to the presentation of the Shellabarger amendment, disfranchising a large portion of the white vote in those States. If the previous question had been sustained that amendment could not have been presented; but the Democrats joined the Radicals and voted down the previous question, whereupon that amendment was presented, passed, and thus became part of the original bill. Two successive motions were then made to recommit the bill, with instructions to insert Mr. BINGHAM'S amendment, but *both were voted down*, the Radicals and Democrats voting together, and the bill, just as it had been reported by the Committee, was put upon its final passage. And Mr. RAYMOND voted *against* it, as he had voted against the Shellabarger amendment and in favor of Mr. BINGHAM'S.

The bill then went to the Senate, where Mr. SHERMAN succeeded in carrying the Bingham amendment, and it came back to the House thus amended, and converted into something besides the mere military bill, in which shape it had passed the House. And *then* Mr. RAYMOND voted for it, as did also Mr. GRISWOLD, Gen. BANKS, Mr. BINGHAM and the other Republicans who had spoken against the original bill, just as Mr. RAYMOND had done, and upon substantially the same grounds.

We cannot suppose for a moment that either the *Tribune* or the rebel newspapers that have been equally zealous in falsifying this bit of personal history, will pay any attention to this statement of the facts of the case. Indeed, they have no interest in doing so. The original lie, well stuck to, (and certainly they have no default to reproach themselves with in that respect,) is infinitely better for their purposes than the truth;—and they certainly have no inclinations in the matter, which will be allowed for a moment to interfere with what they believe to be their interest.

One word, however, by way of precaution: If from any motive whatever they or anybody else should desire to look up the authentic history of the matter, we must warn them that they need not consult the *Tribune Almanac*,—which follows (or leads) the *Tribune* itself in falsifying it. The *Congressional Globe* is reliable authority.

Nor is it to be supposed that all who voted for the bill in the shape which it finally assumed, did so because they approved each of its specific provisions, or because they preferred it to any other mode of reconstruction which could have been devised. Those Republicans who, with Mr. RAYMOND, opposed the original bill, regarded it as having been greatly improved by the amendments made to it in the Senate, and they did what they could to defeat the Shellabarger and other amendments which, in their opinion, only injured it. They voted for it, in its final shape, because some bill was absolutely necessary, and this was the best that could be secured—much better than any which would have been followed if this had been rejected. We think that time and events have shown that their objections to amendments which they could not prevent, were not without foundation—and that, just in proportion as the bill was made different from what they desired, it has proved to be inadequate to the end which all sought to accomplish.

### The Excise Laws.

A correspondent of a Democratic City paper, writing from Albany concerning the new Excise law, says that "from *its generous adaptation to the wants of the liquor dealers* of New-York, Kings, Westchester and Richmond Counties, he is certain it will meet with their undivided approval," and be passed by the Legislature.

Is this the only class of our population to be consulted in this matter? Is the direct pecuniary interest of the liquor-dealers the only interest which our law-makers at Albany think it necessary to take into the account? It is a large interest, undoubtedly,—large in numbers, in wealth and in political influence. It has certain rights which are to be regarded and protected by proper legislation. But certainly there are other interests, other portions of our people, other considerations connected with the public welfare, which are entitled to regard and to influence in framing laws upon this subject.

It may be important in certain respects that a man should have liberty to establish a liquor-shop, and sell liquor to every one who comes for it; but is it not equally important that this personal liberty of the individual should be held subordinate to the peace, the order, the welfare and the wishes of the public at large? A poor man, dependent wholly on his earnings to support himself and his family, may think it highly important that a liquor-shop should be kept open for him at all hours of the day and night. But are not the wants, the necessities, the comfort and wishes of his wife and children entitled to some weight in the matter? Members of the Legislature who have to act on this subject can scarcely feel justified in ignoring all such considerations.

The existing Excise laws have also brought in a revenue of over a million and a half of dollars to the City treasury. The liquor dealers naturally seek to be relieved from the payment of this burden upon their business. But is not the interest of the City at large to be considered in this matter, as well as that of this particular class?

The Legislature, in its eagerness to adapt its action to the "wants of the liquor-dealers," is likely to inflict gross injustice upon other interests equally important and equally entitled, to say the least, to weight and consideration in this matter. The present Excise-laws may be needlessly and hurtfully stringent in some respects; and whenever they are so, they should be amended. But it is an unquestionable fact that on the whole, and in spite of their defects, their operation has been conducive to the public good. They have diminished crime, promoted thrift, comfort and happiness among the laboring classes and their families, and aided to preserve the public peace, and alleviate the public burdens. These results of the law are certainly entitled to some weight,—quite as much, possibly, as the direct pecuniary profit of those who, selfishly regardless of everything else, demand unrestricted freedom for their own dealing in liquor.

### Taxation of Bonds.

Gen. LOGAN'S resolution, providing for the taxation of United States bonds to the extent of two per cent. per annum, expresses a feeling which we have reason to believe is all but universal in the West. It has its exponents also in the Atlantic States. At least one New-England Governor has protested against the continued exemption as an injustice to which the community will not long submit, and has insisted that the bonds shall hereafter bear their full proportion of State burdens. It is in the West, however, that the feeling has taken deepest root, and enters most freely into the elements of future political discussion. Party distinctions disappear before it. Republicans and Democrats are agreed upon the subject even more completely than in favor of an expansion of the currency, and a pronounced Radical brings it before Congress in a form that will probably compel some definite action.

If the organization of a financial system were now beginning, with the present amount of national indebtedness and the present necessity for onerous and all-pervading taxation, we presume that none would dispute the equity or propriety of including the bondholders in the category of taxable classes. Any proposition to exclude so large an amount of available wealth from burdens which oppress industry and trade would be rejected as an attempt to create a privileged class, and so to establish a distinction at variance with justice and the democratic idea of social and political equality. No such exemption would be tolerated. The real question now to be considered is, whether it can be maintained as a permanent feature of the financial system because it was introduced amidst the exigencies of a terrible conflict. Balanced in the scale of ethics, perhaps, there could be no second answer. The fact that exemption from taxation was one of the conditions on which the bonds were taken, would be sufficient to close all abstract argument on the point. But government and politics are not conducted strictly according to abstract principles. And it becomes extremely difficult to reconcile the great body of the people to the continuance of what seems an invidious distinction in favor of the bondholder at a time when the relief of the productive classes from taxes which fall heavily upon them is a matter which engages the attention of all parties. It is not pleasant to reflect that the higher law of right, as involved in the contract between the Government and its creditors, may be required to yield somewhat to the dictates of expediency and the popular sense of justice; but nothing will be gained by closing our eyes to the direction in which public opinion runs, or the shape which it is most likely to assume.

Party considerations enter into the question and impair the hope of successful resistance to a movement which looks like a breach of the national faith. Republicans feel that they cannot afford to be distanced by Democrats on questions affecting the pockets of the people; and the result is, as we have said, that in the West both parties are substantially agreed in demanding the taxation of bonds. We cannot quote better evidence than is afforded by the declaration of the St. Louis *Democrat*, a prosperous journal, and one whose radicalism cannot be disputed. "Without reference to either of the bills before the Senate," remarks the *Democrat*, "we urge members to consider that opinion at the West is almost unanimous in demanding either taxation of bonds or such a reduction of the interest as will fully compensate for exemption from taxation." For this reason, and further on the ground that by acquiescing in one or the other of these changes the bondholders will obviate an ugly controversy as to the payment of the principal of the Five-twenties, our St. Louis contemporary calls upon its Radical friends to save the party from defeat by making timely concessions to popular feeling. We apprehend that the appeal will outweigh much moral argument in the judgment of the party dominant in Congress.

As a matter of principle, indeed, we detect no difference between Gen. LOGAN'S proposition and the amended pending bill for which the more Conservative financiers of the Senate committee are responsible. The rate of taxation which he proposes is excessive, and will scarcely be sanctioned in any circumstances. But the principle of the proposal—that, notwithstanding the promise to the contrary, the bonds shall be subject to Federal taxation—is in no respect worse than the principle which underlies Mr. SHERMAN'S proposal to compel the exchange of six per cent. bonds for five per cents. A certain pressure is doubtless needed to induce the exchange, and the Senate scheme applies the screw to the bondholders by threatening, impliedly, payment in currency instead of gold. The nature of the pressure is not modified by the plea that a five per cent. bond running forty years is a better investment than a six per cent. bond which may be paid at the end of five years. Disguise it as you may, compulsion is there, and we must be prepared to hear those whom it affects prefer the charge of bad faith. It will be no answer to say that the compulsory reduction of interest is in accordance with the practice of England, though a remembrance of the fact should moderate reproaches coming from that quarter.

In truth, a pending scheme at five per cent. will be the same in its effect upon the holders of five-twenties as a federal tax of one per cent., with this difference in favor of the latter, that, while the substitution of a lower rate of interest will be constant, so long as the bond lasts, the tax may be reduced or abolished when the improved condition of the country shall render either convenient. Moreover, the Senate bill will not extinguish the popular aversion to privileges and exemptions which Gen. LOGAN'S resolution is intended to satisfy. The St. Louis *Democrat* may be content; but who will go bail for the demagogues, and furnish guarantees against a repetition of the cry for the taxation of bonds, though the rate of interest be now reduced?

We accept the measures before the Senate as a confession that in some manner the charge upon the country on account of the debt must be lessened. They have their origin in the same discontent as that to which Gen. LOGAN gives expression. As originally introduced, Mr. SHERMAN'S bill provided for a one per cent. tax, so that to the principle involved in the Western movement he can offer no objection. Nor will the bondholders be wise in attempting resistance. It is not the interest of any class to provoke hostility by clinging tenaciously to privileges which wear the aspect of injustice; and we believe that the holders of National bonds will avert controversy and in the end promote their interests by yielding somewhat to the popular current. Whether taxation or consolidation at a lower rate will serve them best, is a question for themselves to answer; but that one or the other is in store for them, we hardly venture to doubt.

## MINOR TOPICS.

It is very delightful to have an oracle on hand, especially one so competent, and so confident in its own omniscience as the *Tribune*. That journal declares in its usual style that "Congress has performed no unconstitutional act in its policy of Reconstruction." We are glad to hear it, and have only to regret that the *Tribune* did not let the world know this a little sooner. It would have saved a great deal of needless trouble. Mr. STEVENS would have been spared the necessity of declaring that in all its policy of Reconstruction, Congress was acting *outside* the Constitution. It would also have spared the House of Representatives the spasm from which it suffered so severely as to the apprehended decision of the Supreme Court. The *Tribune* does wrong to keep its wisdom on such important matters to itself so long. Its "reticence" in this case came very near abolishing the Supreme Court, to say nothing of putting an end to all dinner-table talk on the part of its Judges. We trust we shall be spared such perils for the future. Let the *Tribune* overcome its native modesty, and give Congress and the country the full benefit of its effulgent wisdom.

There is a great deal of keen logical power among the Democratic members of Congress. Take Mr. ELDRIDGE'S exhibition of Saturday as an illustration. After Mr. PAINE had branded the statements of the *Tribune's* Washington correspondent, concerning him, in whole and in part, as utterly and unqualifiedly fictitious and false, Mr. ELDRIDGE got the floor and drew the conclusion from what Mr. PAINE had said, that "the correspondent had lied." The prompt and confident manner in which Mr. E. drew this inference, brushing away at once all the fogs and doubts by which the subject was surrounded, reflects the highest credit on the clearness of his intellect and the strength of his logical faculties. It is to be wished that Mr. ELDRIDGE would speak oftener in the House.

The *Round Table*, in speaking of the Queen's solicitude for the welfare of her servants, and of her extreme kindness to her inferiors, as shown in her diary, says that this is "a distinguishing characteristic of high birth and breeding." We beg leave to remark that this is a piece of trash, worthy of the most imbecile Dundreary to be found in the British peerage. Kindness to inferiors is a matter of intrinsic character, and not at all of "birth" or "breeding." The Queen is kind-hearted, not in the least because of her birth or her breeding—but because of her individual nature. We can find among the best born and bred of the English aristocracy as large a proportion of men who are proud, heartless, domineering and tyrannical to their inferiors, as can be found among those in our own community, who have neither "birth" nor "breeding" in the conventional sense of those words.

We find in the *Express* a very able and effective speech made in the Constitutional Convention by Mr. E. BROOKS in rebuke of the imputations sometimes cast on the government and people of this City. We do not propose to review the several points made by Mr. BROOKS,—but desire to notice one of them. In noticing the fact that two Democratic journals were suppressed during the war for publishing a forged proclamation of the President, he lays special stress upon the fact that Republican papers,—the TIMES among them,—escaped all punishment, or at least were permitted to be published, while the Democratic journals were stopped." Mr. BROOKS may find the explanation of this remarkable discrimination in the fact, that the TIMES *did not publish* the forged proclamation referred to, while the Democratic journals did. Would it not have been well enough to notice this difference in the two cases in the course of his speech?

A collision occurred between two freight cars on the Harlem road, in Centre-street, on Saturday, which killed two horses. The attempt to run freight cars over this City railroad track is fruitful in delays and accidents. Passengers by the cars trying to reach the lower part of the City over this road, are regularly subjected to the most vexatious and annoying delays—to say nothing of exposure to more serious accidents. It is the only one of the City railroads which tries to combine freighting and passenger business. It makes the Fourth-avenue road, which in other respects is among the best, decidedly the worst of the City railroads.

The Democrats feel compelled to nominate PENDLETON to maintain the ground they took at Chicago in 1864. They were then for *peace* at any price,—being utterly opposed to the war which had, up to that time, failed to restore the Union. They are now equally strong for peace with all the world,—and take the best possible method of securing it, by adopting a financial policy which will render it utterly impossible for us ever to contract a loan to carry on another war. The Democracy is a consistent party.

The Boston *Advertiser*, commenting on the fact that Gen. HANCOCK refuses to permit any man to enter upon the duties of any public office, unless he can take the oath required by law, thinks that "perhaps the President was a little hasty in asking a vote of thanks for him." Is it not also possible that the Radical Republicans may have been a "little hasty" in denouncing the General as a Copperhead and rebel?

The *Leader* recommends that the next Democratic National Convention be held in New-York, because "its surroundings are independent and eclectic," That is probably quite true—though we think they are rather *more* independent than eclectic—some of them at all events. If the unterrified Democracy will take a walk through the strongholds of their party, —in the Sixth Ward or in Mackerellville, for example, we think they will agree with us. When they get near the Police-stations they grow a little more "eclectic;" and perhaps on the whole the two sections offset each other, and so keep up an average which justifies the *Leader's* indorsement.

It is a very comfortable thing to get anything settled. We are delighted, therefore, to learn from the Louisville *Journal* that the President's recent letter to Gen. GRANT has accomplished this result. The *Journal* says of that letter, "it is a stinger; it is a finisher; it is a demolisher; it leaves nothing to be done." [Here we must remind nobody will attempt to do any-thing. Things generally can be allowed to remain—undone. We wish the *Journal* had found it convenient to tell us what it is that has been so decisively "settled,"—but even this is of little consequence in view of its most comfortable assurance that "nothing remains to be done."

We heard a great deal before the election, especially from the *World*, about official corruption and the necessity of reforming it. We were promised prompt and effective reform just as fast as the Democrats got possession of power. Why has all this ceased? Why does no member of the Democratic Assembly bring forward some measure to cure the evil? Why do they all seem a great deal more contented with "corruption" now, than they did when they were out of office? Why does the *World* maintain so profound and significant a silence on the subject? And, lastly, why do we take the trouble to ask such useless questions in regard to it?

A New-England telegraphic dispatch says that Mr. DOOLITTLE'S bitter speech ruined the chance of Mr. THOMAS for a seat in the Senate. As the speech had nothing whatever to do with the question whether Mr. THOMAS is entitled to his seat or not, it is not easy to see why it should have so much weight in deciding the Senate's action.

### Congressional Quotations.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

"Two members of Congress, one in each House, endeavored to enliven their oratory by making the same quotation from an old bit of English doggrel originally used in a Parliamentary debate. Both were, doubtless, aided in their scholastic explorations by the fact that Mr. WEBSTER made precisely the same quotation in one of his speeches on the Mexican war."

I clip the above paragraph from your invaluable column of "Minor Topics" in the TIMES of to-day, for the purpose of pointing out several errors which appear therein.

You undoubtedly allude to the speeches of Hon. CHARLES SUMNER in the Senate on Thursday last, on the admission of Mr. THOMAS, Senator elect from Maryland, and of Hon. HENRY L. DAWES in the House, on the eligibility of JOHN Y. BROWN, Representative elect from Kentucky. These speeches were made in Congress on the same day, and each ended with the "doggrel" lines which you say originated "in a Parliamentary debate." Mr. SUMNER gave the quotation as follows:

"I hear a lion in the lobby roar!
Say, Mr. Speaker, shall we shut the door?
Or shall we open it and let him in,
And see if we can get him out again?"

Mr. DAWES gave it the following version:

"I hear a lion in the lobby roar!
Say, Mr. Speaker, shall we shut the door
And keep him out? Or shall we let him in,
To try if we can turn him out again?"

The origin of the lines referred to was as follows: On the 7th of January, 1680, in a debate in the English House of Commons on the "Exclusion bill," Col. TITUS said: "If a lion was in the lobby, and we were to consider which way to secure ourselves from him, I should conclude that it was best to shut the door and keep him out." [Grey's Parliamentary Debates, vol. 8, p. 275.]

About sixty years afterward Rev. JAMES BRAMSTON wrote a poem in imitation of HORACE'S "Art of Poetry," entitled "The Art of Politics," in which the lines referred to first appeared—the correct quotation being:

But Titus said with his uncommon sense,
When the Exclusion bill was in suspense,
I hear a lion in the lobby roar,
Say, Mr. Speaker, shall we shut the door
And keep him there? or shall we let him in
To try if we can turn him out again."

The "Art of Politics," by BRAMSTON, is among DODSLEY'S Collection of Poems, and the original lines of the above quotation may be found at page 288, of the first volume of DODSLEY'S Collection.

It will be seen that neither Mr. SUMNER or Mr. DAWES quoted the lines correctly.

The speech of Mr. WEBSTER, in which these lines appear, was delivered at Marshfield, Mass., on the 1st of September, 1843, and strange as it may seem, Mr. WEBSTER himself committed the error of attributing the authorship of these lines to a member of Parliament of the time of CHARLES II. (See WEBSTER'S works, vol. 2 p. 443.)

If this hastily drawn article be deemed worthy of publication, please give it place in your entertaining paper. ARMONCR.

Feb. 15, 1868

[Our correspondent, writing with the books before him, gives a more detailed statement of the history of this doggerel than we did, writing solely from memory. But in the main he confirms our statement. The substance of the lines originated in a Parliamentary debate, and the lines themselves were quoted by Mr. WEBSTER, from whom, doubtless, both Mr. SUMNER and Mr. DAWES borrowed them.—ED. TIMES.]

## AMUSEMENTS.

### Theatrical.

Mr. WALLACK offers this week a repetition of the successful performances of the last. The chief feature will be "Pauline," which will harrow the souls of the public three nights out of the six. This drama has several pointed moral lessons which no obtuseness can overlook. It shows the danger which menaces any girl who marries a Frenchman; it also exhibits even more powerfully than does the sensational story of *Bluebeard* the evils of feminine curiosity; last, but not least, it teaches all married men how to treat their wives' female friends—i. e. shoot them on the spot. Since the performance of "Pauline" several gentlemen of this city have detected a strange disarrangement of the contents of their book-cases for which no satisfactory account has yet been given by the partners of their joys and sorrows. It has not transpired, however, that the wives of any of our citizens have been discovered hanging to the bed-room doors. The American ladies have perhaps despaired of accomplishing a feat which is one of the things "they do so much better in France." "Pauline" increases in popular favor because it is so excellently performed. WALLACK'S company transmutes every base thing it touches into gold. The play will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday "Ours" will be presented, and on Friday Mr. WALLACK will appear in "The Captain of the Watch," and "Woodcock's Little Game."

THE OLYMPIC.

At the Olympic Theatre Miss MAGGIE MITCHELL will appear all the week in her two famous characters of *Amry* and *Fanchon*. "Little Barefoot" will be performed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and "Fanchon" on the other nights. Mr. G. L. FOX'S performance of the stupid brother, in "Little Barefoot," is a sight that nobody should fail to see. His comic genius is completely exhibited in this personation, which, in other hands, has been hitherto regarded as a very dreary matter. "Little Barefoot" is a far livelier play than "Fanchon," albeit the moral of the story is much like that of the latter. Mr. COLLIER'S performance is very natural and very effective, and Miss MAGGIE MITCHELL'S *Amry*, as every one knows, is a marvel of spirit, quaintness and refreshing simplicity. Miss MITCHELL'S other play, "The Pearl of Savoy," is in preparation for next week. After that has received its inevitable share of popular favor the great pantomime will be produced with every care necessary to secure a splendid success.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.

"The White Fawn," surrounded by the pretty dears and gazed at by admiring bucks, at Niblo's theatre, will, it is needless to say, revisit the glimpses of the lime-light moon every night until further notice. The same excitement which attended the production of the "Black Crook" is now perceived which was played on Saturday night was a sufficient evidence that he has very clear and expansive ideas. The form, to be sure was a little extensive; but it was form and not confusion. The instrumentation was extremely well colored, many of the effects being better and purer than we find them in LISZT. It is however always programme music, and oppressive from the smallness of its pretense, and the greatness of its significance. It was played very excellently by the orchestra; as indeed were the two other works to which we have referred.

THE "SHAMROCK" AT IRVING HALL.

Dr. JOHN P. DOYLE, a traveled and experienced lecturer, gave his first entertainment at Irving Hall on Saturday evening. The gentleman calls it "The Shamrock, or Chips from the Blarney Stone, a three-leaved Irish Entertainment of Fun, Story and Song." He was assisted by Mr. ANDREW MACKINNON, vocally, and Mr. FRANK GILDER on the pianoforte. The entertainment kept the audience in a roar from beginning to end.

Miss LOTTA'S farewell week at the Broadway Theatre is inaugurated this week. The programme will consist of the comedy of "The Pet of the Petticoats" and the farce of "Family Jars." The charming and vivacious comedienne is perhaps the nicest species of preserves ever found in any family jar, and the little Broadway Theatre is just the pantry for big boys and girls to go to who wish to get a taste. The ancient comedy of "The Pet of the Petticoats" has long existed, like the Sphynx, in order to puzzle beholders as to its original purpose. The mystery is now cleared up: it was evidently designed to exhibit, in the fullness of time, what wonderful things a bright little actress like LOTTA can do with a dreary play.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.

The New-York Theatre and the Worrell Sisters have attracted fine houses to see "The Streets of New-York," which was revived last week for the first time in two years. The cast which made it so successful formerly at the Olympic is in a great degree revived here with it. Miss IRENE appears in the sympathetic *role* of *Miss Fairweather*, and is very effective. The management of the stage is excellent, and the sensational effects of the drama are all carefully preserved. It will be performed during the entire week without change, and then withdrawn for the reappearance of the favorite star, Miss KATE REIGNOLDS.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM.

The highly moral drama of "Little Red Riding Hood" will be performed at Barnum's Museum all the week. A real wolf will *not* be introduced to make the piece more thrillingly effective, although there now is, no doubt, among Mr. BARNUM'S collection of curiosities the identical animal which personated the original Little Red Riding Hood's grandma with such fatal effect. Large numbers of ladies and children have crowded the museum during the past week to see this play, which has taken the same hold upon the popular heart as "Little Boy Blue and Patty and her Pitcher" did last season.

### Musical.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

"Lucia di Lammermoor" is the opera announced at the Academy of Music to-night, with Mme. DE LA GRANGE and Signor BRIGNOLI in the cast. At the *matinée* on Saturday there was a very large attendance; "La Traviata" was given in a thoroughly successful manner.

MUSICAL RUM

# TELEGRAMS.

## A Formidable Revolution in Japan.

## Admiral Bell Drowned at the Mouth of the Osaka River.

## Cordial Relations of Italy and the United States.

## Rumored Ministerial Changes in England.

### JAPAN.

**Revolution in Consequence of the Opening of Ports to Foreigners—The Young Mikado a Prisoner—The Late Shogoon a Fugitive—Destruction of Hiago by Fire.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Feb. 16.

The advices from Yokohama, Japan, to the 25th of January, report that a formidable revolution had taken place in Japan, in consequence of the opening of the new ports to foreigners.

The young Mikado was seized by the three leading Princes of the Empire—SATSUMA, CHOISU and Toso—and remained a prisoner in their hands.

The late Shogoon, STOTS-BASHI, fled from Meako, and shut himself up in the castle of Osaka, where he placed himself under the protection of the fleets of the Foreign Powers in that harbour. But the Ministers of the Treaty Powers have given a distinct solemn assurance to the Japanese that they will not in any way interfere in the struggle.

STOTS-BASHI was collecting forces and organizing an army, with which he would attempt to recover his lost power. Meantime, the confederated Daimios proposed no immediate action.

CHAS. H. ROSE, Surgeon of the United States steamer *Hartford*, is dead.

The town of Hiago was burned on Christmas Day.

It was not probable that the Foreign Ministers would make any efforts for a settlement of their relations with either of the opposing parties until after the assembling of the nobility of the Empire in council.

Meanwhile the country was without a recognized head. Disturbances of a serious nature had taken place in Yeddo. The enclosure of the principal palace of the Shogoon was broken into by a mob, and the Castle and residence of the ladies of his court were set on fire and destroyed on the 16th of January. The widows of the former Shogoons, who lived in the palace, were killed. It is said that the mob consisted of the people of Satsuma, who were attempting to rescue a sister of their prince, the wife of a former Shogoon.

Two days after this outrage the great palace of Prince SATSUMA in Jeddo was attacked and destroyed by the Shogoon's troops, and a large amount of the Prince's property in other parts of the city was plundered or destroyed.

The officers of the Shogoon disavow any intention to quarrel with SATSUMA, but declare that they only wished to dislodge bands of robbers who were located in the places which were destroyed. It was reported that 140 of SATSUMA's men were killed, and 160 wounded, and that the troops of the Shogoon lost from 50 to 60 killed and wounded.

Some of SATSUMA's men made their way out of the city to a small steamer belonging to the Prince, and steamed out into the harbor. They were followed by a war vessel of the Shogoon, and a fight took place in which the latter was worsted, and the steamer escaped.

The ports of Hiago and Osaka were formally proclaimed open to foreigners on the 1st of January, but trade had not yet commenced at either place, owing to the disturbed condition of the country.

The condition of the first settlers at the new ports was very unpleasant. Their houses were of an inferior description and provisions of all kinds were scarce and dear. The main settlement was located at Kine, a miserable fishing village two miles from Hiago. The Foreign Ministers were generally censured for selecting a site so inferior in every respect to that of the port of Hiago.

Admiral BELL, of the United States Navy, was drowned at the mouth of Osaka River on Jan. 11. The mouth of the river had been closed by a sand-bar, which formed during a heavy storm. The Admiral had been waiting for several days to cross the bar, when he finally started, accompanied by Flag-Lieut. REED and 13 men in a boat from the *Hartford*. While passing over the bar, going in the direction of Osaka, the boat capsized, and all on board were drowned except three sailors. The bodies were recovered and buried near the mouth of the Osaka River.

F. G. MYBURGH, the British Consul at the new port, died Jan. 21.

The 25th of January being the Japanese New Year, all business was suspended at Yokohama, and trade and commerce had been dull for some time past. Grey sheetings were in slight demand at $2 75@$3 40; cotton yarns, $47@$53; Silk Market firm but quiet; best Nubush, $850; Ashu, $710; Koshus, $730; Atchiscan, $520. Tea steady; good business doing and prices firm, while stock was small; Fine, $34; Medium, $30 @$34. Exchange on London, 4s. 3d.; four months credit, 4s. 4d.; Boos, 298. Freights steady, on New-York, £3 10s., on London, £4.

### CHINA.

**Mr. Burlingame's Mission—Victories of the Imperial Troops Over the Rebels—Discovery of Coal Beds—Necessity for Opening the Yang-tse-kiang River—Commercial and Financial Intelligence.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Feb. 16.

The steamship *Great Republic*, from China and Japan, arrived this morning, bringing advices from Hong Kong to Jan. 7, Shanghae to the 17th, and Yokohama the 27th. The following intelligence has been received:

The steamer *Great Republic* brings 10 through passengers for New-York, 17 for San Francisco, and 375 Chinese steerage passengers. She experienced heavy weather the entire outward voyage, but pleasant weather while returning.

A Shanghae dispatch, dated Jan. 17, says that Hon. ANSON BURLINGAME, the Chinese Ambassador to the Treaty Powers, leaves China for San Francisco on Feb. 25. His suite consists of 30 persons and includes J. MCLEARY BROWN, late Secretary of the British Legation to China, First Secretary, and E. DUCHAIRNS, who accompanied Mr. BURLINGAME to the Empire last year, Second Secretary.

Two Chinese officials of the highest rank proceed with Mr. BURLINGAME as noviciates, but by Imperial decree Mr. BURLINGAME has been placed at the head of the mission. He has letters of credence to each of the Treaty Powers, signed for the first time by the Emperor himself.

The mission is to be permanent as soon as the Chinese officials fit themselves for foreign diplomatic duties. This mission is regarded by residents of China as the greatest step in advance yet taken by the empire.

The United States double-ender *Ashuelot* will take Hon. ANSON BURLINGAME to Hankow. All the other men-of-war of the American squadron are at Nagasaki, Yokohama and Hiago, Japan.

Pekin advices state that the rebels and mounted robbers have slaughtered great numbers of the people, but there is no danger whatever of the capture of the capital.

In Shantung thirty thousand rebels have been killed, and the Imperial troops are everywhere victorious. Horrible barbarities were committed by the Shantung rebels.

Extensive coal beds have been discovered seven miles from Ningpo, and there is a prospect that the coal mines at New-Chinkaing, four miles from the Yang-tse-kiang River, can be worked.

The United States tonnage at Shanghae for the quarter ending Dec. 31 amounted to 103,819 tons; the value of the cargoes entered was 8,615,610 taels, and the value of the cargoes cleared was 8,088,915 taels, and the Consular invoices certified in the same time 3,322,721 tacls. The attention of the New-York Chamber of Commerce is called to these facts. The value of the exports from Shanghae is greater than from the entire Russian Empire.

Shanghae is entering upon a career of extraordinary prosperity.

The opening of the Yang-tse-kiang River is an absolute commercial as well as political necessity to the United States, now the nearest neighbors of China. There has been a parade of four American fire engines and one hook and ladder company.

The French residents will send to California for American fire engines.

Everything is quiet at the river and coast ports.

The Chinese merchants are busy making settlements preparatory to the Chinese New Year.

An exploring party, under the guidance of a noted engineer, has started up the Yangtsekiang River from Hankow, and will try to cross the Snowy Mountains and reach Calcutta by the Brahmapootra River. Great scientific results are expected if the expedition goes through safely.

H. L. PETERSON, private secretary to Admiral BELL, witnessed the grand meteoric display, near the west wall of China, Nov. 5.

There has been a terrible earthquake in the Island of Formosa, by which 30,000 lives were lost.

The amount of green teas exported to the United States this season, to date, is 10,200,000 pounds.

Exchange on London at sight is quoted at 5s. 9d.; six months Sight, 5s. 11d.; Credits, six months, 6s. 11½d. On Paris, Credits, six months sight, 7fs. 57½c. ₱ tael; Mexican Dollars, 73@74; Carolus Dollars, 74@77; American Drills, 40 yards, 400@410 taels ₱ piece; English Drills, 370@470 taels ₱ 40 yards; New Maleva Opium, 508 taels; Patna new, 475 taels; Benares, same quotations.

Freights to London, £3 ₱ ton. Vessels on the berth for London, the *Western Chief* and *Assyria*; for New-York, the American bark *Nabob*.

The bark *Nabob* has a charter of $16 gold ₱ ton of 40 cubic feet for New-York.

American Coal 1450 taels ₱ Chinese ton.

### ITALY AND AMERICA.

**Honors to Admiral Farragut—Friendly Relations of the two Nations.**

FLORENCE, Saturday, Feb. 15.

The dinner to ADMIRAL FARRAGUT, mentioned in these dispatches yesterday, was a grand affair. SELLA, the former Minister of Finance, toasted the Admiral, and, in his remarks, said that iron hearts, and not iron-clads bared his fame.

Admiral FARRAGUT, in acknowledging the compliment, spoke of his love for Italy, and his confidence in her noble progress.

GEORGE P. MARSH, the representative of the United States in Italy, on behalf of his country thanked SELLA for his hopes of an eternal alliance.

DEPRETIS, the former Secretary for Marine Affairs, said that such an alliance with America—"a country found by Columbus, baptized by Vespucci and celebrated by Botta"—was entirely natural.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

**Rumors of a Change in the Ministry.**

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 16.

It is generally believed that Lord STANLEY will soon succeed Earl DERBY at the head of the Ministry.

**Unfounded Reports of the Death of the Earl of Derby and Judge Shee.**

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 15—Evening.

The reports which were printed in the morning journals, and which have been in circulation all day, to the effect that the Earl of Derby and Judge SHEE were dead, are without foundation. Though both gentlemen have been dangerously ill, it is announced to-night that they are much better, and their speedy recovery is confidently looked for.

### FRANCE.

**No Change in the Ministry, nor Important Alterations in the Constitution Contemplated.**

PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 16.

The semi-official journals of this city deny that there will be any immediate change in the Ministry, and contradict the reports that the Government contemplates important alterations in the Constitution of the Empire.

### BELGIUM.

**Large Fire at Antwerp.**

ANTWERP, Sunday, Feb. 16—Evening.

A fire occurred here to-day which at first threatened to be very destructive. It broke out in a fleet of vessels laden with petroleum, and near some large warehouses stored with that article; but the flames were confined to two or three lighters on board of which about three hundred barrels of petroleum were destroyed.

### ABYSSINIA.

**Reports Regarding the British Expedition Discredited.**

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 15—Evening.

Late advices do not confirm the Abyssinian intelligence sent to the United States last evening. Dispatches received to-day state that no such movements of the Egyptian auxiliary corps, as alleged, had occurred. Much of the news from Abyssinia is to be received with caution.

### HAYTI.

**The Revolution General—A Successor to President Salnave Proclaimed.**

HAVANA, Friday, Feb. 14.

Advices have been received from Hayti stating that the revolution in the southern part of that island has become general.

Gen. SOLOMON, the present Minister to European courts, has been proclaimed President in place of Gen. SALNAVE.

All the principal towns are in arms against the government and authority of SALNAVE.

The steamer *James T. Brady*, from New-York for Montevideo, arrived on the 10th inst. at Nassau, leaking.

Considerable excitement has been created in this city by a shoemaker murdering his wife by chopping her into small pieces with an ax.

### SOUTH AMERICA.

**Cholera in Buenos Ayres—Successful Revolt in the Argentine Republic—Hopes of a General Peace in Peru.**

LISBON, Saturday, Feb. 15.

The regular mail steamer from Rio Janeiro arrived here to-day. She brings the following intelligence:

Beyond the usual skirmishing there had been no fighting between the hostile armies on the Parana.

The cholera was still raging with unabated fury in Buenos Ayres. There was also much sickness in the camps of both the armies.

The revolt which had broken out in Santa Fe, one of the provinces of the Argentine Republic, had been successful, the ruling Government having been overthrown.

The Spanish Government hopes for a general peace from the internal dissensions now prevailing in Peru.

### RECONSTRUCTION.

**The New-Orleans Municipality—Correspondence between Gens. Grant and Hancock.**

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 15.

The Speaker laid before the House the following, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Feb. 14, 1868:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the correspondence between Gen. HANCOCK and myself relative to the removal, by Gen. HANCOCK, of Councilmen in the City of New-Orleans.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT, General.

[Telegram received at Washington, Feb. 7, 1868, from the headquarters of the Fifth Military District, New-Orleans, Feb. 7, 1868.]

GEN. U. S. GRANT: I have removed nine members of the City Council—two white and seven colored—for contempt of the orders of the military commander in proceeding to an election for a Recorder for the Second District, and which is an elective office, under the laws, by the people and not by the Council.

The attempt to hold the election was made while I was absent in Texas, but the Council were referred to Gen. SHERIDAN's order forbidding elections until reconstruction was complete. Without the authority of the commanding General nevertheless these members voted for an immediate election, and the project was carried. The election was about to be completed when one or two members more timid than these left and broke the quorum.

A case in point will be found in the order of Gen MOWER, special order of Oct. 15, 1867, removing the Jefferson City Council for a like offence.

My action in this matter was in accordance with the power granted by the Reconstruction act, which allows the District Commander to suspend or remove persons from office, and provide from time to time for the performance of the duties of persons removed by appointment.

WINFIELD S. HANCOCK,
Major-General United States Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, 1868.

*Maj. Gen. W. S. Hancock, New-Orleans.*

Suspend your order removing the City Council of New-Orleans until full report of reasons is sent. Answer by mail. U. S. GRANT, General

By telegraph received at Washington, D. C., 9 A. M., Feb. 11, 1868, from New-Orleans, La., 2 30 P. M., Feb. 9, 1868:

*Gen. U. S. Grant, Commanding Armies of the United States:*

Your dispatch of the 8th of February, directing me to suspend my Order No. 28, of the 7th of December, removing certain members of the City Council of New-Orleans, until a full report of the reasons therefore should be sent to you, was received at 10 P. M. to-day. I request that you may reconsider your action and that any order in the premises be not suspended until you have the full report of the reasons called for by you.

I telegraphed you at the moment the order was issued, giving as full a statement of my reasons for acting as I thought could be made. I referred you to the order of Gen. SHERIDAN forbidding elections, which you have on file at your headquarters, and stated that the City Council had been previously notified of this order. I also referred you to an order of Gen. MOWER, issued in October, which last sets forth a parallel case, and which you have on file. In that case an appeal was taken to you for a reinstatement of the Council removed by Gen. MOWER which appeal you have not sustained.

The present case was in defiance of the example of Gen. SHERIDAN's order and of my own letter cautioning the Council to desist in this election, and forwarded to you a printed copy Jan. 26.

It was also illegal under the law by which they claimed to act. I was astonished at the action of the Council, and could not account for it except by the fact that they had been instigated to it by designing men who believed that it I dared to make those removals it would end in my own removal from this place, and that they would be protected.

At any rate, my self-respect as Commander of this District, made it absolutely necessary that I should take summary measures regardless of the consequences with which partisans might threaten me. I do not know what fuller report could be furnished in this case, for all the papers explaining my action have been sent to you. To suspend my order would be to destroy my usefulness here, and in such want of a sense of what I consider due to me and my position in this matter would necessitate a respectful request to be relieved from my present command. Although I have been here seventy days, this is the second occasion I have taken on my own responsibility to make a removal—the first one two days previous to this; both for grave causes, reported to you in detail by telegraph; and while I fully recognize the power of the General-in-Chief to disapprove my action, I respectfully request that as I have acted upon a full knowledge of the facts, the General-in-Chief may delay his action until he can inform me what further papers or information he may desire, in addition to what has already been furnished, for a full understanding of the case under consideration.

My action in the premises was originally based upon the first supplementary Reconstruction act of July 19, 1867. I await your reply before issuing the order.

W. S. HANCOCK,
Major-General Commanding.

[Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. —, 1868.

*Major-Gen. W. S. Hancock, New-Orleans, La.:*

If your order removing City Council has been executed, and new appointees are in, you need not suspend orders as directed. U. S. GRANT, General.

[Telegram received Feb. 11, 1868, from New-Orleans, Feb. 11, 1868.]

*General U. S. Grant, Commanding United States Army:*

The changes in the City Council was an accomplished fact when your dispatch of February 9 was received. Several of the appointees had already filed copies of their oaths of office. In my selections I have appointed the best men to office, without regard to their political sentiments. All must take the required oath. The change will be of immense advantage to the city, as the poor, of which the city is principally composed, are dependent upon the public confidence. WINFIELD S. HANCOCK,
Major-General United States Army.

**The Report of Disturbances on the New-Haven and Derby Railroad Unfounded.**

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Sunday, Feb. 16.

The report of a strike and serious disturbance on the New-Haven and Derby Railroad is without foundation. A few men, dissatisfied with the wages paid by the sub-contractors, $1 25 per day, refused to work, and threatened those who did. There were no serious demonstrations made, nor were pistols used. The men have been at work since without molestation. The contractors have more applicants for work than they can employ. One hundred men are now engaged on the line, and the ground is broken at several points. GEORGE D. CHAPMAN, the contractor, expects to complete the work within eleven months. The road will connect at Derby with the proposed line to Turners' Station on the Erie Railroad *via* the Hudson River suspension bridge.

**Proceedings of the Tennessee Conservative Convention—Andrew Johnson Nominated for the Presidency.**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sunday, Feb. 16.

The Conservative State Convention met here to-night, and adopted resolutions looking to a thorough organization throughout the State, warmly indorsing the administration of President JOHNSON, declaring the Government was established to give protection to the political rights and material interest of the white race, and that it should be so administered; proposing to unite with the Democratic Party of the Union, and all others in opposition to the existing Congressional despotism. In relation to the next Presidency the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That ANDREW JOHNSON is the choice of the Democratic Conservative people of Tennessee for the Presidency of the United States in November next; that, if elected, he will receive their cordial and unanimous support. They will, however, if some other good man, who is true to the Constitution, and to the rights and liberties of the people, be nominated by the National Democratic Convention, cheerfully acquiesce and yield him a hearty and enthusiastic support.

**A St. Louis Lawsuit Compromised—Heavy Robbery—Missouri Legislative Proceedings.**

ST. LOUIS, Sunday, Feb. 16.

The suit pending between GEO. W. POMEROY, of New-York, and WILLIAM H. BENTON, of St. Louis, for $1,000,000, will be compromised.

EMIL BESSEHL, a popular saloon-keeper, was robbed last night of $6,000 in silverware and diamonds.

A bill ceding a tract 10 miles square south of St. Louis for a site for a national capital was introduced in the lower House of the Legislature yesterday, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The Democrats and Radicals are busily engaged in forming clubs for the State and national campaigns of the coming Summer.

Two mail-boxes, containing $5,000 in drafts and money, have been stolen from the Post-office here.

**Shooting Casualty in Nashville, Tenn.—Payment of City Employes—Death of an Acting United States District-Attorney.**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Saturday, Feb. 15.

A son of Judge HAWKINS, of the Supreme Court, was badly wounded in the thigh last evening by the accidental discharge of a pistol in his pocket

The Nashville City authorities succeeded to-day in borrowing $5,000 to pay employes. A much larger sum was needed.

ROSWELL CARY, the Acting United States District-Attorney, died last evening. The remains will be forwarded to his home in Wisconsin.

**Fire at Natick, Mass.**

WORCESTER, Mass., Sunday, Feb. 16.

A fire at Natick last evening destroyed Leach's Block, occupied by Messrs. Burns, Keity & Co., grocers; Deignaus, clothing-store; Shatuck, boots and shoes; Morse & Co., hardware; J. Warren, photograph-rooms; Isaac Mulligan, billiard-room; M. Hog, saloon. The fire originated in Warren's premises while the family were absent. The cause is unknown. The loss is estimated at $50,000, which is mostly covered by insurance.

**Appointment of Catholic Bishops for the Diocese of Philadelphia.**

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Sunday, Feb. 16.

Yesterday the appointment of three Catholic Bishops for the diocese of Philadelphia was received from Cardinal BARNABO, of Rome. The Pope has designated the following: Rev. WM. O'HARA, of St. Patrick's, to be Bishop of Scranton; Rev. J. F. SHANAHAN, of Media, Penn., to be Bishop of Harrisburg; and Rev. Dr. BECKER, of Richmond, Va., to be Bishop of Wilmington, Del.

**Destruction by Fire of a Freight Depot at Danielsonville, Mass.**

WORCESTER, Mass., Sunday, Feb. 16.

The freight-house of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad at Danielsonville, containing a large amount of freight, was entirely consumed by fire this evening. The depot was saved by great exertion. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

**A Negro Convict Shot in Memphis, Miss.**

MEMPHIS, Miss., Saturday, Feb. 15.

A negro named SAM. WILLIAMS, sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary by the Criminal Court, for hog stealing, while being conveyed to jail, attempted to escape, and was shot by the policeman, slightly wounded, and recaptured.

**Burning of the American Theatre in San Francisco.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Feb. 16.

The American Theatre on Sanson-street was destroyed by fire this morning. It was the oldest and largest theatre in San Francisco.

### THE ALABAMA ELECTION.

**Tactics of the Conservatives—Instances of Force and Fraud Cited—Suffering Apprehended in the Future.**

*Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.*

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Monday, Feb. 10, 1868.

The election is over here, and there appears but little doubt of the fact that the proposed Constitution, framed at Montgomery, has been defeated—defeated by default and fraud. I am not an admirer of that document. It possessed any amount of imperfections, and was defective in a hundred respects; its sins were both of omission and commission, and I scarcely know which predominated; but I need not refer to these in detail as they are already known to your readers. But there is another question of importance to the community and to the nation, and it is this: Was it or was it not, better that this Constitution, with all its defects, should be adopted, that something like order should succeed the universal anarchy which is reigning now? Admit that the alternatives are despotism and lawlessness, it is indeed a matter for consideration which is preferable. But the despotism of the proposed Constitution is not so intolerable as the present anarchy; yet it falls short of the absolutism which is said to be so fearfully grinding in certain portions of the world; and at the furthest it would have been amended in a few years, and justice would have been secured to all—that is, if the white people willed it. But to descend to particulars.

THE TACTICS OF CONSERVATIVES.

From the beginning the Conservatives placed their sole reliance upon a negative policy. As nearly all the education and intellect of the South, and all the political experience were embodied in that party, they were not slow to perceive that if they went to the polls and deposited their votes they would be beaten; and, therefore, they remained away and took advantage of the last and present Congress, which enabled them to render a negative opposition more powerful than a positive one. There was a time when the Southern white people really dreamed of supremacy over the negro, by calling themselves his friends; but the example of Tennessee last year, when the wealthy aristocrat almost knelt down to his former slave for the sake of his vote, dispelled the illusion; the colored vote is with the Radicals, and that irrevocably, though they need not have been had the Conservatives not acted in a manner to drive off every negro, until compelled to accept colored suffrage from Radical law-makers. After the Tennessee election all conceded that the question of Radical and rebel supremacy must be decided by the numerical strength of the races in various localities; that while there might be a few Radical whites and rebel blacks they were numerically insignificant; were really a grain of sand on the seashore of politics.

I have said that this fact had caused the Conservatives to adopt a negative policy as their only hope; the session saw Congress, which first incited that body to the passage of enactments which are both wrong and impolitic, also caused them to make egregious blunders in those very acts, one of the greatest of which was, that an absolute majority of all legal voters registered must vote on the Constitution framed or it would fail. The shrewed Southern politicians saw this, and they resolved upon two things: First, they would remain away from the polls themselves; second, they would induce as many negroes to stay away as possible, and thus defeat the Constitution by a lack of sufficient votes to secure its adoption.

THE CASE PLAINLY STATED.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, I will relate a conversation which occurred between an old rebel and myself, on the first day of the election:

"Have you voted?" I asked.

"No, Sir—not I."

"Do you intend to vote?"

"Not by a —— way, I reckon."

"Why not?"

"Because I want the Constitution defeated."

"And how do you propose to defeat it by inaction?"

I asked, although I was fully aware of the Conservative programme, and the reasons for it.

"Why, you see," said he, "there are 171,000 voters registered in the State, and 86,000 must vote on the question of the adoption of the Constitution or it is defeated, and if but a little over 43,000 vote for it, and a little less than 43,000 against it, then it is adopted; but if 85,999 vote for it and no one votes against it, it is defeated, because more than half the registered votes are not recorded at the polls."

"Then you think inaction is your only policy?"

"Yes, Sir; our only one. We will all stay away from the election, and by management we can keep 15,000 negroes away, and our work is done."

"Then you consider Congress a little obliging, after all, for making that proviso in the Reconstruction laws which requires a majority of all the registered voters to go to the polls?"

"Yes, Sir; obliging out of pure d—d stupidity."

THESE TACTICS FOLLOWED.

I have carefully watched the progress of the election in this section, and I can assure you that these tactics were followed to the letter. I will give you a few examples, promising only this, that the negroes and Radical whites are no match, in intelligence and political chicanery, for their Conservative opponents.

BALANCING VOTES.

"Well, Colonel," said I, on the night after the election, to one who bore that title, though how he obtained it I don't know, as he avoided serving in the late war, "how do you feel?"

"Fine, fine; we have won a victory; we've kept twenty-five thousand niggers from the polls."

"How?"

"I'll tell you how I kept fifteen and three white Radicals away; I paired off with them, and gave them plenty of whisky; they didn't know the secret, but every one who staid away from the polls really voted against the Constitution; and so I made a bargain with no less than fifteen niggers and three white men to stay away if I would, and as no one knew that I had made an arrangement with any but him, I kept them all off; I kept them in plenty of whisky, however, all the time."

"Did any of your neighbors resort to that trick?" I then asked.

"Yes, plenty of them—dozens of them; the niggers and the whites who can't read are not hard to gull, especially if you give them plenty of whisky."

ANOTHER PIECE OF STRATEGY.

A wealthy farmer, who lives near Huntsville, adopted the following strategy:—He told the negroes that the election would last two weeks, and that they could vote any time during that period, and he, accordingly, hired no less than twenty-seven of them to go with him to Nashville, and he actually kept them there until this morning, when they returned, greatly disappointed that the election had closed.

STILL ANOTHER.

But while a similar conduct on the part of hundreds of persons kept thousands of colored men from the polls, a system of direct persecution did far more; and but for the latter the vote would have been sufficiently large to have secured the ratification of the Constitution. Nearly all the land, as every intelligent reader must know, is possessed by the rebel element, and it is by securing employment at the hands of these men that the poor, both black and white, must live, and as a consequence the landholder can exercise great influence over his employe; and this was exercised continually. The threat to discharge all who voted was almost universal, while the promises to retain those in employ who would remain away were numerous, the result can well be imagined. Such tactics would carry an election almost anywhere; and the effect would be far more apparent where the state of society is disorganized, and where all the wealth was arrayed on one side, and nearly all the poverty on the other, and where there was free vent for every kind of trickery and chicanery.

STILL MORE TACTICS.

In addition to the tactics already spoken of, another system was employed exclusively with the poor whites. To them it was represented that the Constitution irrevocably established negro supremacy; that the result of its adoption would be negro Governors, negro legislators, Congressmen, &c., and that it should be beaten at all hazards. And I can assure you that, even among the Southern Radicals, especially the natives, there is an immense prejudice against the negro. A man is called a Radical down here, not because he likes the negro, but because he is hostile to the rebels. This bug-bear of negro supremacy kept five hundred whites from the polls in the small section of Alabama north of the Tennessee River, and perhaps five thousand in the State—a no trifling number in the late close contest; possibly enough to have turned the scale in the election.

BITTERNESS.

There is a deep feeling of bitterness existing here between the Radicals and Conservatives, and every day of the election has made it more intense. The masses of the negroes and Radicals have not sufficient knowledge to understand what the remedy for their defeat will be; but I never saw a more abiding faith among any people that all will be right than among these. The intelligent Radicals say that one of two things will be done:

*First*—The time of the election will be extended; or,

*Second*—Congress will declare that the true intent and meaning of the Reconstruction laws have been fulfilled when a majority of all the votes cast are found so be for the Constitution.

On the other hand, the Conservatives claim that an extension of the time of the election would destroy all the moral effect of the late vote; that it would look like an illustration of the old story told of Southern Illinois—that is, that "the polls were kept open until all the votes wanted were polled."

"But if Congress should declare that it was not necessary that a majority of the registered voters should go to the polls, what then?" I asked of a Conservative.

He hesitated a moment.

"Well, there is nothing that Congress won't do," he finally said, hesitating.

"But what do you propose, should such be the case?" I repeated.

"Well, when the Democrats of the North come into power, all will be made right," he added.

HOPE FROM NORTHERN DEMOCRATS.

I confidently believe that, but from the hope entertained by future Democratic victories in the North, parties would have voted for the adoption of the Alabama Constitution, confidently believing that anarchy is the worst of all conditions of society, and that all wrongs would speedily be righted; but last Fall elections gave the rebels hope, and they almost uniformly believe that the Republicans will be beaten at the next Presidential election, and that PENDLETON, or some other man of his stripe, will be ANDY JOHNSON's successor. They will, in November next, learn that once more they have relied on the Democracy in vain.

SUFFERING IN THE SOUTH.

There have been several years of suffering in the South, caused by two things:

1. Idleness on the part of white and black alike.
2. A determination on the part of the whites not to accept the situation.

How long a period will be required to teach the people both industry and wisdom, I can't conjecture, but I fear it will be a long one, and that next year louder cries for help will come up from the South than ever before. Thousands of negroes who would work, will not be allowed to do so, because they voted at the late election; and when the pinching time comes, not only these blacks, but thousands of others, and as many whites—idle, worthless fellows—will wail loudly for relief, and the North will be expected to aid them liberally.

In conclusion, I would ask the North to weigh well the situation; to do that which is *right*, but not that which is vindictive, for at best years will elapse, under the most favorable circumstances, before prosperity and order are vouchsafed the suffering and afflicted South. They have erred greatly, but the penalty they have paid, and are paying, is frightful. UNION.

**The Murder of Mr. Matthews by Negroes Near Beaufort, S. C.**

In the Charleston *Courier* of the 10th inst. we find the following particulars of the murder of Mr. J. FRASER MATTHEWES by a party of negroes on a plantation near Beaufort, S. C., on the 4th inst.:

Mr. MATTHEWES, who had been appointed by Maris. Jones and Sam A. PORTEUS, a special constable, with authority to search the DeSaussure-place for some mules which had been stolen, went there accompanied by a posse, consisting of his relative, Mr. HARMON VAN NESS, and four colored men, two of whom were BILLY MIDDLETON and SMART POLITE. Arriving at the cabin of PETER HOLMES, upon whom the warrant was to be served, as the alleged thief, and who had but recently served a term of one month's imprisonment for larceny, they knocked and asked admittance, which was denied. HOLMES was heard to cock his gun, and was summoned to surrender, Mr. VAN NESS remarking to him through the closed door that it was no use for him to resist as the party had come prepared. At this time the negroes living on the place, men, women and children, assembled under the leadership of SCIPIO SINGLETON, and armed with clubs, hoes, rakes, &c., SCIPIO crying that "No white man should arrest any of their number, and that he would shoot him down like a dog." Other incendiary language and threats were used, when the colored men composing the *posse*, with the exception of BILLY MIDDLETON, became alarmed for their safety and broke a retreat. HOLMES came out of the house and pursued SMART POLITE with a club, threatening to kill him, when Mr. MATTHEWES came up to his assistance and with a view of intimidating HOLMES fired one barrel of his gun into the ground near his feet and close enough to scare him, as he thought. The bottom of HOLMES' pants were burned, but he did not receive even a scratch. HOLMES desisted from the pursuit of PETER SMART, and turning upon Mr. MATTHEWES wrenched his gun from his hands, while two of the negroes pinioned his arms. Finding himself thus disarmed, Mr. MATTHEWES when liberated walked off a few paces, raising his hand and exclaiming, "don't shoot me, you see I am unarmed." HOLMES raised the gun, took deliberate aim and fired. The shot entered Mr. MATTHEWES' head on the left side, just above the ear, and he fell to the ground and almost instantly expired.

BILLY MIDDLETON was present at the time, but was powerless to offer any resistance, but Mr. VAN NESS, who had become separated a short distance from the party, did not see the shooting, and was not aware that Mr. MATTHEWES had been killed until he stumbled over his body as he was suggesting the departure of MIDDLETON and himself, and remarking, "we cannot leave this man here," stooped and made the terrible discovery. This was only a few moments after the shot had been fired. HOLMES was standing alongside, flourishing his gun, and said: "I killed him, and would as soon kill a d—d rebel as a dog. I'll kill you too." Mr. VAN NESS, who was armed, told HOLMES to keep away, as he could shoot too, and remained supporting the head of his deceased friend until a cart could be brought from an adjoining plantation and the body taken home. In the meanwhile, SCIPIO SINGLETON made off for Lady Island, and has not yet been found. HOLMES went to the authorities at Beaufort and surrendered himself, saying that he had killed Mr. MATTHEWES in self-defence. He

**A Monument to Commodore Vanderbilt.**

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

Permit me to suggest that a life-size bronze statue to Commodore VANDERBILT should be erected in some appropriate place in the grand railway depot now building in St. John's Park, to mark the public appreciation of this, another of his great enterprises, as well as an appreciation of an honorable and well-spent life. This site was the selection of the Commodore himself, and we are indebted to his public spirit for this great public convenience and ornament to the City; and when completed, it will unquestionably be one of the grandest structures of the kind in the world. The public spirit, energy and indomitable nerve of the great steamboat and railway king merits some such recognition. Who will carry the suggestion into effect?

ALBERT DEGROOT.

ACTIVITY AMONG STEAMBOAT-MEN.—The *Bristol* and the *Somington*, the magnificent steamships of the Bristol Line, will commence their regular trips again on the 15th of March. On the North River, the utmost activity prevails, preparing steamboats for the opening of navigation on the Hudson. The *Drew* lies at Hoboken, ready to start soon. Her sister boat, the *St. John*, has been thoroughly repaired during the Winter. The *Dean Richmond*, which was sunk opposite Rondout by the *Vanderbilt*, is in the East River, thoroughly repaired. The *Daniel Drew*, *C. Vibbard* and *Mary Powell* are being renovated. Steamboat-men expect an early opening of navigation this year, and advance, as a reason, that the snow along the line of country drained by the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers must quickly melt, as experience teaches them that a sudden thaw coming on, a great deal of snow is a surer means of opening the river speedily than a long and gradual thaw and but little snow.

MINOR ITEMS.—Yesterday afternoon THOMAS SHANAHAN, of No. 37½ Baxter-street, quarreled with an unknown man on the corner of Park and Mulberry streets, when he received a slight stab in the arm from a penknife. The unknown escaped.... SARAH MCGEE, a native of Ireland, fell off the pier at the foot of East Twenty-eighth-street, while intoxicated, but was rescued by the crew of the revenue-cutter *Bronz* and taken to Bellevue Hospital.... A slight fire occurred at 2 P. M. in the cigar-store of Mrs. BROWN, No. 410 Canal-street, caused by the stove setting fire to the partition. The flames were extinguished by the Police with a damage of $10.... A fire occurred at 8 P. M. in the dwelling of CHARLES BRIGGS, caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. Damage $400; insured for $250 in the Germania Fire Insurance Company.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.—Mr. B. M. Vedia, of the Argentine Legation, is at the New-York Hotel.

Mr. Charles Stewart, United States Consul at Copenhagen; Hon. L. Pruyn, of Albany; and Hon. J. C. Dunlevey, of Ohio, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

Hon. T. W. Park, of Vermont; Hon. W. H. Barnum, of Connecticut, and Gen. E. C. Webb, of Wisconsin, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.


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WE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO

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All series taken in exchange for 5-20 BONDS. Returns made to correspondents without delay, and on favorable terms.

CLOSING PRICES.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 15—3 P. M.

| | Bid. | Ask | | Bid. | Ask |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Registered '81... | 111⅝ | 111⅞ | 5-20 C., '67, new.. | 108⅛ | 108¼ |
| Coupon, 1881..... | 112 | 112⅛ | 10-40 Reg..... | 101⅛ | 101⅛ |
| 6-20 Regist'd '62 | 107⅝ | 108 | 10-40 Coupon..... | 104⅛ | 104⅜ |
| 6-20 Coupon, '62. | 111⅜ | 111⅝ | Gold ..... | 141 | 141⅝ |
| 6-20 Coupon, '64. | 109 | 109⅛ | June, '65..... | 107⅛ | 107⅜ |
| 6-20 Coupon, '65. | 108⅜ | 108⅝ | July, 7-30..... | 107⅛ | 107⅜ |
| 5-20 C. '65, new... | 107⅜ | 108 | | | |

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For JUNE NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, and pay $7 40 DIFFERENCE.

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ON EACH $1,000.

No. 12 Wall-st., New-York.

HOMŒOPATHIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL..... $200,000.

PRESIDENT,

D. D. T. MARSHALL.

BOOKS FOR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THIS COMPANY ARE OPEN AT THE TENTH NATIONAL BANK, CORNER OF BROADWAY AND EXCHANGE PLACE.

Copies of the charter and any information desired may be obtained at the office of CHAMBERS & RICH, No. 41 Pine-st.

SULLIVAN AND ERIE COAL AND RAILROAD COMPANY'S CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND.

7 PER CENT. 1ST MORTGAGE BONDS.

Interest payable at American Exchange National Bank, New-York.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, 80 CENTS.

CAPITAL ($1,000,000 PAID IN.... $1,200,000.

Bonded debt $1,500,000, secured to John A. Stewart, Esq., Trustee, by mortgage upon the Company's entire road and property, including five thousand acres of coal land now fully covered with valuable timber, and upon which a twelve foot vein of superior Anthracite Coal is now being worked. For full particulars, send for pamphlet to the

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CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD COMPANY,

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1868.

MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19, 1868, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., to take action in the matter of leasing and purchasing by this company the road of the Mad River & Lake Erie Railway Company; and also in the matter of leasing to the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad Company the right to run its trains over the road of this Company between Cleveland and Berea, and certain other privileges upon the depot grounds of this Company.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Feb. 7 until Feb. 20.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15, 1868.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—NOTICE is hereby given to the stockholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company that a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been this day declared upon the preferred and common stock of this Company, payable at the office of Messrs. M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 12 Pine-st., New-York, on the 3d day of March next, to holders of said stock, who may be registered as such at the close of business hours on the 17th inst.

The transfer books will be closed on the 17th inst., and reopened for transfers on the 3d day of March next.

WM. LARRABEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD COMPANY,

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th of February next.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Feb. 7 until Feb. 20.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

DELE ROYALE MINING COMPANY, No. 2 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREholders for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business, will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1868, at 3 o'clock.

E. W. CAPEN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON INSURANCE CO., No. 63 Wall-st., Feb. 3, 1868.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Directors of this Company, held this day, SAMUEL E. BALCHER, Esq., was unanimously elected President. WM. H. FLOWERY, Secretary pro tem.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the New-York Floating Dry-Dock Company will be held at Botanic Hall, No. 68 East Broadway, on TUESDAY, Feb. 18, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing nine Directors, and transacting any other business that may be brought before the meeting. Also, to hear the report of the Investigating Committee. AARON A. DEGRAUW, Secretary of Stockholders' Meeting, 242 South-st., New-York.

NOTICE.—APPLICATION WILL BE MADE for renewal of Certificate No. 2,861 for one share Delaware and Raritan Canal and Camden and Amboy and Transportation Company Stock, lost during 1867. Will be given Feb. 25, 1868.

Dated Bordentown, N. J., Feb. 15, 1868.


## FINANCIAL INSURANCE.


"PARTICIPATION INSURANCE."

The only system of insurance under which a company's ability to pay its losses KEEPS FULL PACE with its increasing business, and consequent increasing liability to incur loss without imposing any liability whatever upon the holders of its Policies.

**CONTINENTAL**

**INSURANCE COMPANY.**

109 Broadway, New York.

| | |
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| CASH CAPITAL | $500,000 00 |
| GROSS SURPLUS | 1,314,590 31 |
| CASH ASSETS | 1,814,590 31 |

ASSETS,

January 1, 1868.

Extract from statement rendered to Insurance Department, State of New York:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balance in Bank | $115,138 73 | |
| Cash balance in Offices | 2,676 26 | |
| | | $117,812 99 |
| Demand Loans on Stocks of Solvent Institutions (worth over $496,000) | | 349,600 00 |
| Loans on Bonds and Mortgages (1st Lien on Real Estate, worth over $1,500,000) | | 522,380 00 |
| Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, as follows: | | |
| $25,000 American Exchange Bank | $26,000 00 | |
| 5,000 Bank of North America | 5,450 00 | |
| 5,000 Bank of America | 6,000 00 | |
| 5,000 Broadway Bank | 11,000 00 | |
| 5,000 Importers' and Traders' Bank | 5,850 00 | |
| 5,000 Mercantile Bank | 5,500 00 | |
| 5,000 Merchants' Bank | 5,650 00 | |
| 10,000 Metropolitan Bank | 13,000 00 | |
| 10,000 Nassau Bank | 10,500 00 | |
| 10,000 National Bank | 10,800 00 | |
| 13,000 St. Nicholas Bank | 13,780 00 | |
| 5,000 Union Bank | 5,700 00 | |
| 10,000 N. Y. Cen. Railroad Bonds | 9,500 00 | |
| 10,000 N. Y. & Erie 2d Mortgage B'ds | 9,700 00 | |
| 10,000 Kings Co. War Enlistm't B'ds | 9,500 00 | |
| 35,000 N.Y. State 20 yrs 7 per ct. B'ds | 37,450 00 | |
| 1,000 N. Y. Central Park Improvement Bonds | 950 00 | |
| 1,500 N.Y. Fire Indemnity Bonds | 1,425 00 | |
| 20,000 Tennessee Bonds | 12,800 00 | |
| 60,000 U.S. Six per ct. Bonds, 1881 | 67,500 00 | |
| 28,000 U.S. 7-30 Treasury Notes | 29,260 00 | |
| 288,000 U.S. Six per ct. Bonds, 1867 | 323,340 00 | $23,105 00 |
| Real Estate 102 Broadway, and No. 1 Pine-st., N. Y., owned by the Company | | 150,000 00 |
| Interest on Loans due and unpaid (since paid) | | 20,027 27 |
| Premiums due (since paid) | | 28,338 38 |
| Rents accrued (since paid) | | 2,091 07 |
| | | $1,814,590 31 |
| LIABILITIES, { more than two-thirds of which is for unclaimed scrip and scrip interest. } | | $93,440 16 |

SCRIP DIVIDEND FOR 1867,

THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT.

THE

CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Insures against loss and damage by fire on all kinds of buildings, merchandise, household furniture, farm property, including stock. RENTS, LEASES, and all other insurable property, at *reasonable rates of Premium*, on the PARTICIPATING PLAN, dividing three-fourths of the profits to its customers in scrip bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, redeemable in cash in the order of its issue, as rapidly as the accumulation represented by the scrip exceeds the sum of $500,000.

The scrip issues of this Company for 1857, '58, '59, '60, and '61 are now being redeemed in cash.

GEORGE T. HOPE, President.

H. H. LAMPORT, Vice-President.

CYRUS PECK, Secretary.

FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT.

SECURITY UNDOUBTED.

250,000 first mortgage Bonds of the South Side Railroad of Long Island for sale.

These bonds are 7 per cent. coupons, payable 1st of March and September, at the Atlantic National Bank, Brooklyn, the mortgage covering the entire property of the Company.

The South Side Railroad runs from the East River, Brooklyn, through all the villages on the south side of the Island to Patchogue, distance 55 miles, 34 miles completed and running. Net earnings are now during the Winter months paid interest on the bonds. The road is graded to Islip, iron and ties on the line, and the entire line will be completed as soon as the weather will permit.

For sale on favorable terms by

SMITH, GOULD, MARTIN & CO.,

Bankers and Brokers,

No. 11 Broad-st., New-York.

OFFICE OF

HONEY BROOK COAL COMPANY.

No. 209 Walnut-st.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12, 1868.

The annual meeting of stockholders and election for Directors of the Company will be held at this office on WEDNESDAY, 26th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

S. McHENRY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1868.

THE TRUSTEES, IN CONFORMITY TO the charter of the Company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st December, 1867:

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| Premiums received on marine risks from 1st January to 31st December, 1867 | $7,322,015 75 | |
| Premiums on policies not marked off 1st January, 1867 | 2,838,109 71 | |
| Total amount of marine premiums | $10,160,125 46 | |
| No policies have been issued upon life risks, nor upon fire risks other than those connected with marine risks. | | |
| Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1867 | $7,597,123 16 | |
| Losses paid during the same period | 4,334,361 61 | |
| Returns of premiums and expenses | 1,305,568 93 | |
| The Company has the following assets, viz.: | | |
| United States and State of New-York stock, City Bank and other stocks | $6,894,485 00 | |
| Loans secured by stocks and otherwise | 2,175,450 00 | |
| Real estate and bonds and mortgages | 210,000 00 | |
| Interest, notes and claims due the Company, estimated at | 282,414 82 | |
| Premium notes and bills receivable | 3,232,453 27 | |
| Cash in bank | 173,874 02 | |
| Total amount of assets | $13,168,177 11 | |

Six per cent. interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 4th of February next.

FIFTY per cent of the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1865 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 4th of February next, from which date interest on the amount, so redeemable, will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment, and cancelled to the extent paid.

A dividend of thirty per cent. is declared on the net earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1867, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 7th of April next.

By order of the Board.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

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| J. D. JONES, | JOSEPH GAILLARD JR., |
| CHARLES DENNIS, | J. HENRY BURGY, |
| W. H. H. MOORE, | CORNELIUS GRINNELL, |
| HENRY COIT, | C. A. HAND, |
| WM. C. PICKERSGILL, | JAMES LOW, |
| LEWIS CURTIS, | S. J. HOWLAND, |
| CHARLES H. RUSSELL, | BENJ. BABCOCK, |
| LOWELL HOLBROOK, | FLETCHER WESTRAY, |
| R. WARREN WESTON, | ROBT. B. MINTURN, Jr., |
| HOYT SHERMAN, | GORDON W. BURNHAM, |
| CALEB BARSTOW, | D. KED. CHAUNCEY, |
| A. P. PILLOT, | R. L. TAYLOR, |
| WILLIAM E. DODGE, | GEO. S. STEPHENSON, |
| DAVID LANE, | WILLIAM H. WEBB, |
| JAMES BRYCE, | PAUL SPOFFORD, |
| DANIEL S. MILLER, | SHEPPARD GANDY, |
| WM. H. KIP, | BENJAMIN BIRDSALL, |
| HENRY K. BOGERT, | CHARLES P. BURDETT, |
| JOSHUA J. HENRY, | ROBT. C. FERGUSSON, |
| DENNIS PERKINS, | |

JOHN D. JONES, President.

CHARLES DENNIS, Vice-President.

W. H. H. MOORE, 2d Vice-President.

J. D. HEWLETT, 3d Vice-President.

LACKAWANNA BUILDINGS.

OFFICE OF TOLEDO, PEORIA & WARSAW RAILWAY CO., No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE.

FIRST-CLASS RAILROAD SECURITIES.—Safe and reliable investment for Savings Banks and for parties holding trust funds.

$850,000 First Mortgage Western Division Bonds, Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railway Company; interest semi-annually, February and August.

$100,000 First Mortgage Bonds Cedar Falls & Minnesota Railroad Company; interest 7 per cent., payable May and November; secured by lease and contract with Illinois Central Railroad Company.

$100,000 Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad Company preferred shares: interest 7 per cent., payable January and July; secured by lease of road and contract with Illinois Central Railroad Company.

$50,000 Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad, first Mortgage Bonds, Western Division; whole mortgage debt on 146 miles, $968,000, less than $7,000 per mile; interest payable January and July, and secured by lease and contract with Illinois Central Railroad Company.

$50,000 Dubuque & Sioux City Sinking Fund, 7 per cent. bonds; secured by land and income; 7 per cent. interest, payable May and November; secured by lease and contract with Illinois Central Railroad Company.

$50,000 Toledo, Logansport & Burlington Railroad Company's Bonds; interest 7 per cent. semi-annually, payable February and August; interest guaranteed by Columbus, Chicago & Indiana Central Railroad Company. CHARLES L. FROST,

President Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railway Co., No. 26 Exchange-place.

ELECTION.—OFFICE OF THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, New-York, Feb. 6, 1868.—The annual election for Directors of this Company, and for three Inspectors to hold the next annual election, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 168 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 18th inst. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock.

WILLIAM A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

WANTED — MISSOURI STATE PAST DUE coupons, by H. AMY & CO., No. 20 Nassau-st.

INTERNATIONAL OCEAN TELEGRAPH CO. (CUBA LINE) Telegraph Preferred Stock wanted by GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.


## SAVINGS BANKS.


UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK.

Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of LAIGHT, OPEN DAILY from 10 to 3 o'clock.

Six per cent. interest, free of tax, on $5 to $5,000.

ASSETS, $4,546,850 07.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK—8TH-AV., corner of 14th-st.—Six per cent. interest, free of tax, paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before March 1 will draw interest from March 1.

R. H. MACLAY, President.

S. S. CONSTANT, Vice-President.

R. H. BULL, Secretary.


## IRON WORKS.


**ARCHITECTURAL IRON WORKS,**

14th-st., between Avenues B and C, New-York.

D. D. BADGER, President. N. CREHY, Vice-Pres't. Fire-proof buildings of every description, and every kind of iron work for building purposes, also for bridges.


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FOR SALE—FOR WANT OF USE—A STYLISH dappie gray horse, 15½ hands high, eight years old, kind in single or double harness; was raised sound and can trot in 2:30; also, one bay wagon and single harness. Apply at No. 645 7th-av.


## DIVIDENDS.

SIXTEENTH DIVIDEND.

THE GERHARD FIRE INSURANCE CO., NO. 161 BROADWAY.

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|---|---|
| CASH CAPITAL | $200,000 00 |
| SURPLUS | 57,023 46 |
| | $257,023 46 |
| LOSSES UNPAID | 2,250 00 |
| ASSETS | $254,773 46 |

NEW-YORK, Jan. 30, 1868.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on and after MONDAY, Feb. 3, 1868, free of Government tax.

JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

IRVING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 9 WALL-ST.

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| CASH CAPITAL | $200,000 00 |
| CASH SURPLUS | 106,016 56 |
| Nett Assets, Feb. 1, 1868 | $306,016 56 |

NEW-YORK, Feb. 3, 1868.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT. and the GOVERNMENT TAX, payable on demand.

MARTIN L. CROWELL, President.

JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

OSWEGO AND SYRACUSE RAILROAD COMPANY—TWENTY-NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—The directors of this Company have declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the capital stock, free of the Government tax, payable on the 25th day of February, inst.

Dividends in New-York will be paid at the Howard Insurance Company's Office, by H. Oakley, Van Rensselaer, Agent, in Albany, at the New-York State National Bank; in Utica, at the Oneida National Bank; in Syracuse, at the Syracuse National Bank; all others at the Lake Ontario National Bank, Oswego.

Dividends not called for within thirty days will be paid at the Treasurer's Office, Oswego.

L. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Oswego, Feb. 8, 1868.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1868.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of Eight Per Cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after the 1st day of February next, free from Government tax.

The transfer books are now closed and will remain closed until the 1st day of February next.

By order of the Board.

ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE STERLING FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 156 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 12, 1868.

SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has this day been declared by the Directors, payable on the 14th inst.

A. L. SOULARD, Secretary.

RECEIVER'S OFFICE, CROTON NATIONAL BANK, No. 63 William-st.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—A DIVIDEND of FIFTY (50) PER CENT has been declared upon all claims proved and allowed prior to the 20th inst., on and after which date the dividend will be paid.

C. P. BAILEY, Receiver.


## AUCTION SALES.


A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF

246 VALUABLE LOTS

ON CENTRAL PARK

And 57th, 58th and 59th sts., 6th and 7th avs,

67th, 68th and 69th sts. and 10th and 11th avs.

ALSO,

HOUSE AND LOT NO. 34 WEST 18TH-ST.,

BY ORDER OF EDWARD DE WITT, EXECUTOR OF SARAH TALMAN, DECEASED.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO.

will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 10, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

1ST. The block of ground, comprising 64 lots, FACING CENTRAL PARK, bounded by 58th-st., 59th-st., 6th and 7th avs.

2D. The tract of land, comprising 54 lots, in the block bounded by 57th-st., 58th-st., 6th and 7th avs.

3D. The block of ground, comprising 64 lots, bounded by 67th-st., 68th-st., 10th and 11th avs.

4TH. The block of ground, comprising 64 lots, bounded by 68th-st., 69th-st., 10th and 11th avs., together with the frame dwelling-house thereon, the homestead of the late Mrs. John H. Talman.

5TH. The four-story brown stone dwelling-house and lot, No. 34 West 18th-st., south side, between 5th and 6th avs.; house 25x60, with party walls. Lot 25x91.2 deep. 70 per cent. of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for 3 or 5 years. THE SALE WILL BE ABSOLUTE AND WITHOUT ANY LIMITATION OR RESERVATION WHATSOEVER.

For maps and further particulars apply to the auctioneers, No. 77 Cedar-st., or to

C. J. & E. DE WITT, Attorneys for Executors, No. 88 Nassau-st.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

LARGE AND VALUABLE STOCK OF HOUSE-FURNISHING ARTICLES, AT THE "BERRIAN WAREROOMS, NO. 681 BROADWAY, NEARLY OPPOSITE THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL.

Will sell by auction, without reserve, the large and valuable stock of house-furnishing articles at the "Berrian Warerooms," No. 681 Broadway, nearly opposite the Metropolitan Hotel, commencing on THURSDAY, Feb. 20, at 10½ o'clock, and continued each day until the whole of this extensive stock is disposed of. Among an immense number of other articles are the following, viz.:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Plated and Bronze Table Ware, | Toilet Sets, | Tool Chests, |
| Dress Canes, | Enamel Tea-kettles, | Work Safes, |
| Plated Tea Sets, | Bronzed Urns, | Tables, |
| Cake Baskets, | Fire Sets, | Perambulators, |
| Vegetable Dishes, | Copper and Brass Kettles, | Fenders, |
| Butter Dishes, | Fancy Chairs, | Camp Stools, |
| Liqueur Stands, | Iron Utensils, | Step-Ladders, |
| Casters, | Egg Stands, | Brooms & Brushes, |
| Egg Stands, | Fancy Chairs, | Carving and Forks, |
| Trays, | Plate Warmers, | Plated Knives and |
| Toast Racks, | Meat Dishes, | Forks, |
| Japan Trays, | Dish Covers, | Fire Stands, |
| Coal Vases, | Iron Cork screws, | Bird Cages, &c., &c. |
| | Camp Chairs, | |

Together with a large assortment of every other article used in housekeeping. This will be found the most complete stock ever offered by public auction in this City. Catalogues as above.

LARGE SALE OF IRON, WAGONS AND QUARTERMASTER STORES.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1868.

Will be sold at auction, under the supervision of Brevet Col. A. P. Blunt, A. Q. M., at Lincoln Depot, on TUESDAY, the 25th inst., commencing at 10 a. m., a lot of serviceable Quartermaster property, consisting in part of:

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|---|---|
| 245,727 lbs. assorted Iron, new. | 30 Ambulances. |
| 1,000 kegs Horse-shoes. | 5 Office Wagons. |
| 500 kegs Mule-shoes. | 3 two-horse Wagons. |
| 890 lbs. Pig Lead. | 4 Iron Safes. |
| 2,080 lbs. Sheet Lead. | 2 Corn Mills. |
| 255 sets wheel-mule Harness. | 29 Ambulance Wheels |
| 868 sets lead-mule Harness. | Veterinary and other Tools. |
| 300 Army Wagons. | Horse Medicines, &c., &c. |

together with 11 Horses and 4 Mules, rated as unserviceable.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds.

Catalogues of sale will be furnished upon application. Purchases must be removed in six days from date of sale.

By order of the Quartermaster-General.

J. C. McFERRAN, Deputy Quartermaster-General, Brevet Brig.-Gen., U. S. A.

J. JOHNSON, Jr., Auctioneer.

BY JOHNSON & MILLER.

Auctioneers, No. 25 Nassau-st., New-York:

GREAT SALE OF 100 CHOICE AND VALUABLE PROSPECT PLOTS IN EIGHTEENTH WARD, BROOKLYN, LOTS,

At 12 o'clock on TUESDAY, Feb. 18, at Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York.

The lots are situated on Warren-st., directly opposite the Park, on Union-st., on Rodney, Hewes, Bedford-av., Bouvierd, Penn, Read and Hooper sts., and on Lee and Marcy avs.

Terms liberal. Maps and particulars at office of auctioneers, No. 25 Nassau-st., New-York.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT NO. 339 5TH-ST. AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

By order of the heirs of JAMES FLYNN, deceased.

5TH-ST.—The lot of land, with the four-story brick store and dwelling, with brick extension on the front, and the three-story and basement brick house on the rear thereof, situate on the north side of 5th-st., between Avenues A and B. The entrance to the rear building is through an alley running under the front house. Lot 24.9 by 97 feet.

For further particulars, apply to WM. H. TRACY, Esq., attorney for the heirs, No. 79 Nassau-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF A COTTAGE AND LOTS ON 83D-ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Wm. L. Conklin and J. W. Conklin, executors:

East 83d-st.—The four lots of land, with the two-story frame cottage thereon, situate on the northerly side of 83d-st., about 255 feet west of 3d-av. The cottage is about 23x36 feet, with a two-story extension 18x14 feet, and contains modern improvements. Laundry and workhouse on the premises. Two-thirds of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for three or five years. Lots each 25.6½x102.2½.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTRIX'S SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT NO. 120 MACDOUGAL-ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, viz.:

By order of JULIA A. HERRICK, Executrix.

MACDOUGAL-ST.—The 2½-story brick house and lot situate on the westerly side of Macdougal-st., between Amity and 4th sts., and known as No. 120. Lot 19.6x65.9. Possession 1st of May next. 50 per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage for 5 years at 7 per cent.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

On THURSDAY, Feb. 20, at 10½ o'clock, at the residence No. 126 West 24th-st.,

HANDSOME HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANOS, PAINTINGS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, &c., by order of executors of MARTIN SCHENCK, deceased.

M. YOUNG, } Executors.
N. LAUZIN, }

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

At the Leeds' Art Galleries, No. 817 and 819 Broadway, corner of 13th-st., on THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, Feb. 20 and 21, 1868,

Contributors' sale of valuable OIL PAINTINGS by celebrated American and Foreign artists.


## AUCTION SALES.


ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT NO. 48 MORTON-ST. AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

By order of the executors of CHARLES R. DUXBURY, deceased.

MORTON-ST.—The four-story English basement brick house and lot situate on the south side of Morton-st., between Hudson and Bedford sts., and known as No. 48 Morton-st. The house is 18.2 feet in width by 45 feet in depth; has modern improvements and is in good order. Lot 18.2x100 feet.

GEORGE COOK, Auctioneer.

FIRST CLASS RESTAURANT.

By GEORGE COOK, on TUESDAY, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock, on the premises No. 159 Broadway, corner of Cedar-st., the entire contents of a first-class restaurant. Particulars hereafter. Catalogues at sale.

JOSEPH MCGUIRE, Auctioneer.

FORECLOSURE SALE.—UNDER DIRECtion of Gratz Nathan, referee, Joseph McGuire, auctioneer, will sell at the Merchants Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, TUESDAY, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock, thirty-five lots of ground on the westerly side of 2d-av., northerly side of 57th-st., and southerly side of 58th-st., consisting of fifteen vacant lots on 57th-st. and twenty houses in course of erection.

A. J. BLEECKER SON & CO. Auctioneers.

POSITIVE SALE, VALUABLE PEARL-ST. PROPERTY—TUESDAY, Feb. 18, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.

PEARL-ST.—Premises No. 405 Pearl-st., west side, between Vandewater and Rose sts., 24 story brick house and lot, 17.8 front, 17.3 in the rear, 99.3 in depth. Sold without reserve to the highest bidder. Title perfect. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.


## BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 1st day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of RICHARD WETZEL, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition: that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 83 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, before Edgar Ketchum, Register, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

ROBERT MURRAY, Marshal, as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 15, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 4th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of SIDNEY SMITH, of the City of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings and State of New-York, doing business in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 161 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal, as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 15, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 13th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of ABRAHAM SOLOMON, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 57 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Isaiah T. Williams, Register, on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal, as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 15, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 12th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of WILLIAM H. FIELD, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 82 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, before Edgar 

## SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

PALMYRA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19
OLBIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26
AUSTRALASIAN leaves.....WEDNESDAY Mar. 11
RUSSIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 18
SIBERIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 25

Chief cabin passage.....$100
Second cabin passage.....80

TO PARIS.

Chief cabin passage.....165
Payable in gold.

Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
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FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY

TARIFA.....Feb. 12
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Cabin.....$80 Gold.
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Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For Freight and Cabin Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
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STEAMSHIP PALMYRA WILL DISCHARGE, under general order, THIS (Monday) MORNING. Havre goods per STROMBOLI, short shipped per JAVA, have arrived per PALMYRA entries to be made with the original bills of lading without indorsement.
E. CUNARD.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.—CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, under contract with the United States and British Governments for carrying the Mails.

CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
CITY OF WHINGTON (via Halifax).MONDAY, Feb. 24
CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY, Feb. 29
CITY OF ANTWERP.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
ETNA (via Halifax).....MONDAY, Mar. 9
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY, Mar. 14

And even succeeding SATURDAY and alternate MONDAY, at 1 P. M., from Pier No. 45 North River.

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PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin.....$100 Steerage.....$30
To London.....105 To London.....35
To Paris.....135 To Paris.....45

Passage by the Monday steamers, first cabin, $90, gold; steerage, $30, currency.
Return passage from New-York to Halifax: Cabin, $20; steerage, $10—payable in gold.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, at moderate rates.
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ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
NAPOLEON III.....BOURSAN.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
FERERE.....DUDEMAINE.....SATURDAY, Mar. 21
VILLE DE PARIS.SURMONT.....SATURDAY, April 4

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE.

First cabin, $160 or $140; second cabin, $85.
TO PARIS.
including railway tickets, furnished on board,
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Medical attendance free of charge.
American travelers going to or returning from the continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid unnecessary trans-shipment of baggage and its risks from transit by railways and crossing the channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
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FURTHER REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.

Favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE sail every SATURDAY with passengers for
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IOWA, Hendersen, SATURDAY, Feb. 22.
BRITANNIA, Laird, SATURDAY, Feb. 29.
HIBERNIA, Munro, SATURDAY, March 7.

From Pier No. 20 North River, at noon.

Rates of passage, payable in currency:
To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry, cabin, $90 and $75, according to location
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Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Havre, &c., at very low rates.
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HENDERSON BROTHERS.

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OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY!
THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,
Via Panama or Nicaragua.

Will dispatch their new and splendid steamships from New-York, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st., at noon, at lower rates than by any other line.
For passage and freight, over both routes, as follows:

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FEB. 15, 1868—Steamship FULTON, connecting with steamship OREGONIAN.
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VIA NICARAGUA.

FEB. 25, 1868—Steamship SAN FRANCISCO, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR.

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Passage to London direct, $110, $75 and $30 currency. Excursion tickets at reduced rates available for six months.
WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGS, from New-York, Feb. 22.
ATALANTA, Capt. ——, from New-York, Mar. 7.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, March 21.
CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, Apr. 14.

The splendid steamship Britannia will leave Pier No. 3 North River for London direct, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22.

Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Dunkirk.
For passage apply to ROBERT N. CLARK, No. 26 Broadway.
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HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

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The following FIRST-CLASS IRON STEAMSHIPS, built expressly for the New-York trade, are intended to sail regularly between NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, calling at QUEENSTOWN, viz.:

MANHATTAN.....MINNESOTA.
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with other first-class steamers building. To sail:

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MINNESOTA.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19
MANHATTAN.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

From Pier No. 37 East River.

Cabin, (the accommodations being equal to any Atlantic steamer,) $80; gold; return tickets, $150, gold; steerage, $25, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms. Specie, freight or passage forwarded by
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage to
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THE NATIONAL LINE.

Steamers weekly to Liverpool and Queenstown, leaving Pier No. 47 North River, every SATURDAY.
DENMARK, THOMSON.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
DENMARK, THOMSON.....SATURDAY, Feb. 29

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE TO

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FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon of the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month except when these dates fall on Sunday, then on Saturday preceding.
One hundred pounds baggage free for each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
FEB. 1—RISING STAR, Capt. CONNER, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. FARNSWORTH.
Steamer March 21, 1868, connects closely with steamer CHILA, leaving San Francisco, April 14, for Japan and China.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st. E. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR CALIFORNIA, VIA PANAMA.

REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer RISING STAR will sail on FRIDAY, Feb. 21, at 12 o'clock noon. Freight received until Thursday, at 3 P. M.
For passage, &c., inquire at freight office on Company's pier, No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st.
To insure shipment, freight must be sent down early.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
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The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company dispatch a steamer on the 24th of each month from Panama to Wellington, N. Z., and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 17th of each month. First and second class passengers will be conveyed under through ticket at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, or to Sydney or Melbourne, $340 to $364 for first class, and $210 to $240 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.
Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.
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EVERY SATURDAY, from Pier No. 13 North River, Punctually at 3 P. M.

The favorite side-wheel steamships
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, Feb. 22.
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MONTGOMERY, LYONS, leaves...SATURDAY, Feb. 22
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CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, TUESDAY, Feb. 25.
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The MATANZAS will sail on the following SATURDAY. ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., AND FLORIDA PORTS—FRIDAYS—THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
E. B. SOUDER, Capt. LEROY BRIDAY, Feb. 28.
MONTICELLO, Capt. STRATTON, FRIDAY, March 6.
From Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points in South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad, and by steamers to Florida ports.
Freight taken as low as by any other line.
WHEELER & LINNARD, Agents, 13 Broadway.

MOBILE, GALVESTON, LAVACCA AND MORGAN'S POINT.—The steamship BILOXI, leaving Pier No. 38 North River on SATURDAY, Feb. 15, at 3 P. M., will receive freight for the above ports, to be reshipped at New-Orleans per Morgan's line of steamers without expense at New-Orleans.
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WINTER ARRANGEMENT—CHANGE OF TIME.

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9 A. M., mail train, for Greenport and all way-stations, connecting at Mineola with trains for Glen Cove and Hempstead.
11 A. M., Sprosset passenger trains and all way-stations.
3 P. M. Express train for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Sprosset and Glen Cove passenger train and all way-stations.
5 P. M., Farmingdale and Hempstead, passenger train, and for North Hempstead, SATURDAYS only.
Sunday excursion train leaves Hunter's Point 9:15 A. M., arrives at Hunter's Point at 4:40 P. M. To take effect Nov. 4, 1867.
I. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT Foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:

6 A. M.—Day Express for Rossmeyer, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville and intermediate stations.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M.—Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, to Fort Jervis, Newburgh and Warwick.
5 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points South and West.
6 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Chicago and all points West and South. By this train sleeping-coaches will run through to Cincinnati without change.
8 P. M.—Emigrant Train daily, for the West.
Also, Way Trains for Rolling Spring, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M., and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 12 M. and 3:30 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Salamanca, Dunkirk and Buffalo without change of coaches, and in direct connection with the Lake and Western lines.
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WM. R. BARR, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 25, 1867, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

8 A. M. Express train of Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
10 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, and at Troy with trains for the North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; and at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping-cars attached at Albany.
8:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every night, except Saturday, attached from New-York to Troy, through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Saratoga and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie an intermediate station, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:40.
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TO LET—A LARGE HANDSOME ROOM ON first floor; suitable for any good business or dwelling; also, a good basement in perfect order; gas and water all through. Apply at No. 107 4th-av., near 12th-st.

BROADWAY LOT TO LEASE—EAST side, between Canal and Howard sts., adjoining the Jay property; to be sold Feb. 4. Written offers to be addressed to No. 272 Madison-av.

TO LEASE—HOUSE AND LOT, CORNER OF 50th-av. and 25th-st., running through to Broadway and opposite the Worth Monument. Apply to W. W. STEPHENSON, No. 1 Park-place, Room No. 19.

BROADWAY STORE AND CHOICE SHOW-ROOMS TO LET—No. 817, with an L store on 14th-st.; second and third floors, corner rooms, of No. 19 Broadway.

LOFTS TO LET—THE SPACIOUS LOFTS, 30 Feet west in width and 200 feet in depth, in the building No. 591 Broadway. Apply to ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

TO LET—A FIRST-CLASS COUNTRY RESIdence on Todt Hill, Staten Island; also, one at Inwood, on the Hudson River, to let or sold. Apply at VAN ZANDT BROS., No. 56 Wall-st.

TO LET—SPACIOUS AND PLEASANT OFfices in the large marble building, Nos. 155 and 157 Broadway; basement, second, third and fourth floor. Apply to H. MER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LET—ALL THE LOFTS OF THE LARGE 3-STORY BRICK STORE, No. 7 Barclay-st. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st

# WASHINGTON.

## AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

**The last of the Last Sensation—Who has the Best of It—How to Decide it—What the President Means by Brevetting Gen. Sherman—What Sherman Thinks of It, and what the Senate will do with it.**

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 15, 1868.

A week without its sensation would leave a terrible *hiatus* in our existence down here nowa-days. We have got so accustomed to them that the feeling begins to resemble that of wartime, when we waited from day to day, with bated breath, for the exciting events with which each week came heavy laden. The last installment of the Grant-Johnson correspondence is in, and you have all had your say about it, and the TIMES seems to think the less said about it the better. Perhaps so; but a correspondent at Washington, who ought to know the things *unsaid*, as well as the things said, (officially I mean,) can't very well accept that advice, unless he also accepts the presumption that he isn't expected to have any opinions about anything. Political sympathies have much, if they do not have everything, to do with the views which people express as to who has the best of it. If it be decided according to the weight of evidence, or rather as the Dutch Justice decided his cases, by counting up the number of witnesses on each side, and then deciding in favor of the party who had the greatest number, then unquestionably the President has the best of the case. But if it be decided according to the credibility of the witnesses, and the reasonable probabilities of what actually did occur, after close and accurate comparison of the statements of the principal witnesses, then unquestionably Gen. GRANT stands fully vindicated of the charge of duplicity, and the President, to draw it mildly, must be held to have strangely misunderstood Gen. GRANT'S usually terse English. Individually, of course, I think a great deal stronger than I write, because it has been my misfortune to be personally cognizant of previous occasions when His Excellency, with a strange and fatal persistency, insisted on saying just exactly what it turned out afterward he didn't mean—and so I may be pardoned if I say that individually I don't believe he ever understood Gen. GRANT to mean precisely what Gen. GRANT distinctly asserts he not only never meant but never said. But the public is impatient to let the matter drop, and so I'll drop it, with an allusion to its possible consequences only.

The result of the unfortunate controversy is chiefly to be deplored, in the bad feeling which it has engendered, not only between the friends of each party but possibly between the parties themselves. Gen. GRANT, of course, has too much self-control to show how indignant he feels, as he naturally must. But Mr. JOHNSON, unfortunately, is not blessed with a similar degree of self-control, and the public need not be surprised if several little things happen, which will not be misconstrued, if they are ascribed to a purpose on the part of Mr. JOHNSON, to heap indignities upon the heads of certain of his subordinates. Of this character is the brevetting of SHERMAN to be General. Gen. GRANT was not consulted, nor was SHERMAN. The latter's well-known aversion to the system of brevet appointments, especially among officers high in rank, was known to the President, or could have been in five minutes' time, if he had cared to know. Likewise, of the formation of the new Military Division of the Atlantic, neither GRANT nor SHERMAN were consulted, and militarily considered, there was not the slightest necessity for it. Some people go so far as to express the belief that the President has some unknown design in all this. But I do not believe he has any other design than the purpose to belittle GRANT. That is about the only reasonable explanation that can be given. When his choler has been thus gratified it will subside, and things will go on as they did before.

It is just possible, however, that there may be an unpleasant tail to this last action. Gen. SHERMAN has been heard from on the subject in such plain terms that there can be no doubt as to how he looks upon this programme. I am not at liberty to give the language of the private dispatches from him, but the substance is that he is and always has been opposed to the system of brevet appointments; that he considers them demoralizing to the service, and as leading to unpleasant complications; and that he thinks that especially there should be no brevetting of General or Lieutenant-General; he therefore asks that the Senate will reject the nomination in his case. In another dispatch he expresses great repugnance to being assigned to any duty which will compel him to make Washington his headquarters, and intimates that before he will consent to be used for the purpose of injuring any brother officer, or of becoming the tool of anybody else, he will resign his commission in the army. So strongly is the last assertion made that several of his friends felt impressed that he was about to tender his resignation, and they telegraphed him last night not to do so. The Senate will probably act upon Gen. SHERMAN'S suggestion. A resolution was yesterday offered in Executive Session, directing the Military Committee to report upon the expediency of prohibiting any further extension of the brevet system. And under action on this proposition, Gen. SHERMAN'S appointment will be disposed of as he desires. It also appears that the army regulations, formed under law of Congress, provide that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to frame the several military departments and divisions. Mr. WILSON will therefore call upon the President by resolution to Monday for the authority under which he has organized the new military division. He will also offer a bill empowering the Secretary of War to order the retirement of any officer without examination, who shall have seen forty-five years' service. Adjutant-Gen. THOMAS, just assigned to his old position, has seen forty-six years.

So you see Washington keeps lively with topics that receive a great deal of comment, whether worthy of it or not. Pardon me for coming down so abruptly from such grave matters of State to such an essentially vulgar matter as good digestion, but I cannot help noting, for the good of our Congressmen, that among the refreshing things about the Capitol, is the change in the management of the House restaurant—a change that has been greatly needed. For more than a year the gastronomics of members have suffered terribly over the vile food and the vile cooking which were furnished by the shockingly bad management of the restaurant. But the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds took the matter in charge the other day, turned out the old management, and put in GEORGE T. DOWNING, the New-York oyster man. The change is marvelous, and the equanimity of members is marvelously increased thereby, and with one accord they exclaim, "For a 'Shrewsbury stew' or a 'Saddlerock roast,' commend us to DOWNING." CYNON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday, Feb. 16.

ABOLITION OF THE BREVET SYSTEM.

The Senate will make the brevet nomination of Gen. SHERMAN an occasion for action which shall result in virtually abolishing the whole brevet system. It grew up during the war, when there was a manifest necessity for it; but it has been so much abused that its abolition now would really contribute to the efficiency of the service. All other considerations aside, there is no man in the army whose advancement would be more readily endorsed than that of Gen. SHERMAN. It is proper to add here that Gen. GRANT has expressed no opposition to Gen. SHERMAN coming here to assume his new command, having perfect confidence in the latter's soldierly integrity, and believing that under no circumstances could he be induced to involve himself in any political complications. The feeling seems to be almost unanimous that, whatever may be the President's object, he will not succeed in making Gen. SHERMAN a party to it.

GEN. GRANT AND GEN. HANCOCK.

The correspondence between Gens. GRANT and HANCOCK, regarding recent removals in the New-Orleans Councils, sent to the House yesterday, does not reveal any such imminent danger of conflict between them as was believed to exist by some. Gen. HANCOCK'S threat to resign was only a remote contingency, while Gen. GRANT'S order of suspension only involved such action until the facts could be laid before him. In brief, it turns out to be substantially as stated in these despatches heretofore.

MR. STEVENS' DENUNCIATIONS.

Mr. STEVENS' late denunciation of the Republicans in the House who opposed impeachment as cowards, is regarded by nearly all as the result of the infirmities of his age and temper, and they are disposed to humor him, even to the extent of believing that it was he who furnished to the *Tribune* correspondent that highly colored account of Gen. PAINE'S action in committee which that gentleman yesterday pronounced to be without a spark of truth, from beginning to end.

RECONSTRUCTION.

It seems that the delay of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate in not reporting the House bill making a majority of the votes cast sufficient to ratify the Constitution of any Southern State, is attributable to the representations made by prominent Southern Radicals, who argued that if this were done the rebels would turn out, take possession of the polls in many places, and more surely defeat the Constitution than if they were left to remain at home, thus giving the voters favorable to the Constitution full control of matters. There is a perfect willingness on the part of the Committee to report the bill, if it shall seem to be necessary to more speedy reconstruction.

CONGRESSIONAL PROSPECTS.

The probability of a continuous session of Congress hence to the 4th of March, 1869, is beginning to be discussed among the members. Nearly all the expressions point to a recess in June for a couple of months, a reassembling in September, if events require it, and then a recess until December. The present session cannot possibly complete its financial work before the last of June or the early portion of July, and there will probably be no adjournments for the National Conventions of either party.

THE GOVERNMENT OF WASHINGTON.

The project to govern Washington by commission, and consolidate the Corporation of Georgetown with it will probably fail, because it is meeting with the opposition of the newly enfranchised citizens, who do not desire to be deprived of their newly acquired opportunities for voting after such a brief but successful experience. The Charter Election, in Georgetown, occurs on the 24th inst., and the question of suffrage is likely to be overshadowed by the question of market-houses. Colored votes in favor of free market-houses will be thankfully received.

STATE DINNER.

Secretary SEWARD gave a State dinner, last night, to a highly distinguished party.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 16.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER TO ENGLAND.

There seems to be no doubt that the appointment of Minister to England has been tendered to Gen. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN, but nothing definite has yet been heard from him as to its acceptance. The resignation of Mr. ADAMS, it has been ascertained from an official source, takes place in April.

SENATORIAL SPEECH ON RECONSTRUCTION.

Several more speeches are to be made in the Senate on the House Reconstruction bill. One of them by Mr. DOOLITTLE in answer to the gentlemen who replied to his opening remarks on that measure.

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE BAR.

PHILLIP R. FENDALL, one of the most distinguished members of the Washington Bar, died this afternoon, aged 73 years.

# GEORGIA.

## The Reconstruction Convention—The Bradley Excitement—The Money Question—The Franchise—Increased Hostility of Feeling.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ATLANTA, Ga., Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1868.

Those who dwell here now as "lookers on," have no right to complain of want of excitement. The close gentleman in the play who was always searching *for* a new sensation would find Atlanta an elysium.

The latest sensation is the reports of the minority and majority of the Committee of the Convention appointed to investigate the charges contained in an anonymous newspaper communication against the notorious delegate from Savannah, AARON A. BRADLEY. It was charged that he was convicted of a felonyviz: imprisonment in a New-York Penitentiary, and that, therefore, he could not sit as a member of the Convention. The Committee called on the author of the communication to substantiate his allegations, and in conformity with that request he handed to the Chairman a few days ago transcripts of the official records, duly authenticated under the seal of the courts, showing that AARON A. BRADLEY was convicted of a felony, and was imprisoned in a Penitentiary in New-York State, and further showing that AARON A. BRADLEY was stricken from the roll of Attorneys in Massachusetts for contempt of court and malpractice.

So soon as this evidence was received the Chairman, Mr. GEORGE BURNETT, endeavored to get the Committee together to agree upon a report, but only succeeded in inducing them to meet by installments of one or two at a time, although he says he was pertinacious in his exertions to have a full meeting. He and Mr. H. G. COLE became satisfied, from the evidence before them, that a penitentiary convict was not a proper person to sit as a legislator, and resolved to report a resolution of expulsion. Other individual members of the Committee expressed informally their concurrence with the opinion of Messrs. BURNETT and COLE, but could not agree to sign the report, although they had not a doubt that "BRADLEY is a very bad and a very dangerous man." Mr. MCCAY at one time agreed to sign the report, and gave the Chairman authority to attach his name, but he changed his mind, and the report recommending that, "in view of the evidence against AARON A. BRADLEY of criminal conduct, said BRADLEY be and he is hereby expelled from the Convention," was only signed by BURNETT and COLE. The five other members, of whom two are negroes, reported that BRADLEY had certainly been convicted of a statutory felony in New-York and sentenced to two years imprisonment in the State Prison, and that he had certainly been dismissed from the Bar of Massachusetts for malpractice. They further reported that they are satisfied that BRADLEY of the Convention is the BRADLEY of the State Prison; but they do not venture to say—or, as they express it, "are not purposed to say"—what the Convention should do. They do not think the Convention has any remedy in its power; that the act of Congress of 1867 does not say that a man who has been convicted of seduction shall be disqualified to sit as a member; that half the delegates were held by the United States to be guilty of treason, and that it is in the power of the Convention to exclude into the past history of one of its members, even though it be "grossly immoral or criminal," and go behind the vote of the people to expel him.

I do not pretend to decide which of the two reports is the more just. It is difficult to imagine a scene of greater confusion than was presented when the reading of the reports was concluded. Every delegate and every visitor left his chair, and walked and talked without any respect to the vehement hammering of the presiding officer and his earnest entreaties that "the Convention come to order." Some, but they were a small minority, insisted that the criminal conviction of A. A. BRADLEY, shoemaker, and his identity with A. A. BRADLEY, delegate, once established, the Convention should not hesitate to expel him. Others thought that both the reports were "mighty tight papers," but it would not be well to act in a hurry, and recommended time. Others drew subtle distinctions between statutory felony and felony at common law, and argued that "simple seduction ain't no felony no how in Georgia," and, therefore, it is no disqualification for representative office; and others strove to show that the whole investigation began and ended in an unworthy prejudice against BRADLEY because he is a negro.

To those who for two months have been familiar with BRADLEY'S bold self-confidence and unvarying spirit of aggression, the shrinking, crest-fallen and terrified BRADLEY of Saturday's scene presented a pitiable spectacle. He humbly asked leave to file a defence with the reports, and have it entered on the journal, which being granted, he sent a paper, of which the following is a verbatim copy, to the Clerk's desk:

GEORGIA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.—GEORGE P. BURNETT and *Trupe vs.* A. ALPEORIA BRADLEY, charged with imprisment for seductine under the laws of New York. The Delegate elect, from Chatham to this Convention, by order of Major-Gen. JOHN POPE:

Comes and deny the charges set forth in a newspaper by *Trupe;* and the Report of the Committee founded on the same, or any Supposed legal evidence; And pray said charges may be examined or tried by this Convention (if it as jurisdiction which I deny) under the laws of Georgia and the United States governing impeachments; and that I be heard by myself and members of this Convention in my defence. A ALPEORIA BRADLEY.

An ingenious delegate made the calculation a few days ago that every word spoken by members of the Convention on the floor costs the State of Georgia seven cents! I thought, if this calculation be correct, that the remarks upon BRADLEY'S "statutory" irregularities were exorbitantly expensive. Without any prejudice against the man's race or color, nobody who has seen and heard him can doubt that he is, *par excellence*, a "pestilent fellow," brazen, ignorant and offensive beyond expression, and possessed by the idea that the only road to distinction and influence is to defy all restraints of order and decency, and to insult grossly everybody who ventures to differ from him.

The Finance Committee, whose labors have been more continuous, more arduous and more hopeless than those of any other, have made another report in the shape of an ordinance ordering the immediate collection of a tax of one-tenth of one per cent. upon the taxable property of the State, which, when collected, shall be placed at the disposal of the Convention. A resolution was appended requesting Gen. MEADE to enforce this ordinance. It is proposed meantime for the Convention to issue scrip, which, it is ordained shall be receivable in payment of taxes. As it is not certain that the Convention's proceedings will be approved by the people, the scrip will of course be only current at a large discount, and as no limit is specified to the issue of this scrip, it is very likely that Gen. MEADE will refuse to sanction the last effort to raise the wind, particularly as it is currently rumored he is not anxious to encourage a protracted session of the Convention, but on the contrary is rather inclined to use the "money difficulty" to spur the members to get through their work at once and go home. The immediate levy of this heavy tax, and the order to Sheriffs to levy executions on, and sell property to enforce its prompt payment, is not regarded by outsiders as exactly consistent with the avowed purposes of the "relief" ordinance. But I suppose it is defensible on the principle that "charity begins at home."

All attempts to attach qualifications—whether of intelligence, education or property—to the exercise of the suffrage were defeated as invasions of the *rights* of the colored race. Mr. ASHBURN undertook to attack Mr. AKERMAN, imputing to him bad and sinister motives for having ventured to propose that "the General Assembly *may* require ability to read the English language intelligently, as a qualification of voters who arrive at the age of 21 years after the 1st of January, 1873," and Mr. AKERMAN replied with much spirit, dealing with his assailant without gloves, and making ASHBURN furious. Even this mild attempt to restrict the suffrage, though it cannot affect any one above the age of 16, was voted down as unjust to the black man. All other amendments of kindred import met a similar fate.

It is now demonstrated that no restriction, however slight or remote, upon negro suffrage and eligibility to office, will be permitted. The temper of the majority is unyielding and angry on these points, and so far as the first is concerned the question is already settled definitely. Mr. WADDELL'S speech in opposition to negro suffrage was able, and expressed exactly the views of the extreme advocates of the doctrine that "this is a white man's Government," to which large numbers of Georgians are attached, as the only orthodox faith. He spoke, however, without any hope of convincing a single member of the majority, or changing the result in any particular. His speech was in the nature of a protest, and in delivering it he uttered the sentiments of thousands who will sustain them at the polls by their votes. My prediction of several weeks ago, as to the determination of the majority to make no concession, but insist on extreme Radical measures, will be verified to the letter. The more important the subject under discussion, the more determined and intolerant does the majority become. Numerical superiority, and the previous question, make the course clear, and enable Mr. BRYANT and his lieutenants to despise opposition.

The bitterness of feeling between the Radicals and the Conservatives of all shades is becoming greater every day, and as a gentleman remarked to me today, "things are getting to the place now where something is bound to break." The intended seceders are becoming more numerous, and many days will not elapse before "the other side of the House" will present a "beggarly account of empty benches." Several members make no secret of their resolution to quit and go home, and "fight the new Constitution before the people." The alleged failure of the Alabama Constitution at the recent expression of the popular will, encourages the opposition, and makes many a reconstructionist of the Gov. Brown school give his adherence to the straight-out opposition. The potency of relief is diminishing daily. "People are beginning to think that while they would "go negro suffrage to secure relief," they would not do so if, as they fear, "the whole thing will be set aside by the courts." The caldron is seething angrily, and the prospect of peace and harmonious adjustment of all difficulties very, very far from promising. On Friday next there is a dim chance that the BRADLEY investigation, or rather, the talk about BRADLEY, will be brought to a close. STONE MOUNTAIN.

# LOUISIANA.

## Reconstruction Movements—The Recent Action of Gen. Hancock in Removing City Officers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Saturday, Feb. 8, 1868.

As the removal of colored men from office, by a military commander, will no doubt be made the cause of censure upon the Commander of the Fifth Military District, it is but just that the readers of the TIMES should be furnished with the full particulars.

Two years ago ARTHUR GASTINEL was elected, by the people, Recorder of the Second District Court in this city, commissioned by the Governor (WELLS) and duly qualified by law. He was then 27 years of age. The law, up to this time, specified that no person could be elected to fill the office of Recorder unless he had attained the age of 21 years. The Legislature, in order if possible to prevent the election of Mr. GASTINEL, passed a law that no person under the age of 30 years should be elected Recorder. At the next session of the Legislature (1867) this law was repealed and it was enacted—"That hereafter no person shall be elected Recorder of any of the districts of the City of New-Orleans who shall not, at the period of his election, have attained the full age of 21 years, and does not possess the necessary legal qualifications. Be it further enacted, etc.: that all laws or parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed."

After performing the duties of Recorder for two years, with an ability and integrity that obtained for him the respect of all honorable men of this community, action was taken in the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and it referred the case to a lower court, which recently decided that Mr. GASTINEL was not elected according to law. The day that Gen. HANCOCK appointed him Recorder, Mr. GASTINEL received a decree forbidding him from holding any longer the office. Though removed from office according to the law of the first action of the Legislature in his case, his appointment under the law of the second action of the Legislature renders him eligible to fill that position. The consequence is that ARTHUR GASTINEL is now Recorder of the Second District Court by military appointment as well as under the laws of the State.

The removal of a Recorder by the Supreme Court was apparently a perfect god-send to the colored and white Radicals of this city. They had long been hoping and planning for GASTINEL'S removal in order to place in that important position a full-blooded negro named DUNN, one of the members of the Common Council, and now on the Radical Republican ticket for Lieutenant-Governor of this State.

During the absence of Gen. HANCOCK from headquarters, action was taken by the Common Council on the 21st ult., to bring this matter to an issue, the following communication being received by the Board of Aldermen from the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Aldermen be and is hereby invited to meet this Board in joint session on Tuesday next, at 8 o'clock, to elect a Recorder for the second District of this city, made vacant by the decision of the Supreme Court.

The resolution was concurred in, and the Board proceeded to the hall of the Board of Assistant Aldermen. Unfortunately for the accomplishment of this purpose, rain fell on the night of Tuesday, Feb. 28, the evening appointed for the election. The consequence was few members and no session.

On the evening of Feb. 4 the Boards met in regular session. Assistant Alderman JOUBERT (colored) explained the object of the session, (the election of a Recorder for the second District,) and spoke earnestly in favor of pressing the said election. After referring to the decision of the Court, he then referred to the last order of Gen. HANCOCK, No. 40, in which he declares that civil law shall rule with certain restrictions, and believed that the said order was authority itself for entering into an election.

He then moved that the Council proceed immediately to elect a Recorder of the Second District. Nearly all the white members were opposed to hasty legislation. (The Council it will be remembered at the commencement of this session received the communication from Gen. HANCOCK, together with the orders of Gens. SHERIDAN and MOWER sent to the TIMES yesterday and the day previous, showing to them clearly that they had no authority for their action.) DAVIES referred to an act of the Legislature (the act quoted above) which retains in office the incumbent. PERKINS was of opinion that the communication from Gen. HANCOCK amounted to an order. DEWEES desired that a committee be appointed to await upon the General and explain to him that Mr. GASTINEL was still acting Recorder, notwithstanding the decree of the Court, and that in consequence his acts were illegal.

SAUVINET (colored, who up to this time had occupied the chair,) now vacated it, and spoke at some length in support of the motion of JOUBERT. He was for immediate action.

BURBANK moved to postpone action on the whole subject and matter. Lost.

The original motion was then put, but on calling the roll of the Board of Assistant Aldermen it was ascertained there was no quorum, two of the members having left the room.

DEWEES then made a motion that the Board of Aldermen retire. Carried.

Those who voted for immediate election, in direct opposition to law and military orders, were GRAHAM, DUMAS, and CLAY of the Board of Aldermen, and MAGY, THEGAN, DUNN, STRAIGHT, SAUVINET and JOUBERT, of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, every colored member in both Boards by a singular chance placing himself in a position to be removed. If they hoped to force Gen. HANCOCK to this result by their undivided action, their wishes are granted. Every man of color removed was appointed by Gen. SHERIDAN. According to the Reconstruction laws, a military appointee can be removed. I refer particularly to that portion of the law which directs the Commander of the District to detail, from "time to time," any officer or soldier of the army, or any citizen, to perform the duties of the office vacated.

It has been contended by many that the District Commander has no right to remove an officer elected by the people under the Reconstruction laws, unless he is an obstacle to reconstruction; but after such elective officer has once been removed, then the military appointments can be removed, without reference to being an obstacle to reconstruction, but for any other sufficient cause.

On reflecting upon the course pursued by the nine members removed, opinion is gaining ground here that they must have intended to have invited such action from Gen. HANCOCK, believing that if they were removed their purposes could be better served, as they no doubt confidently hoped that the course which honor compelled the General to pursue would effect his own removal by Congress. It is possible that they had such assurance beforehand, otherwise it seems incredible that they could have persisted in such a course.

THE EX-MEMBERS AND THE CONVENTION.

To-day the ex-members of the Common Council appeared in a body in the lobby. BERTENNEAU (colored) moved that they be invited to take seats within the bar.

COOLEY, (white,) of Points Coupee, expressed hopes that the motion would not prevail, as it implied a direct insult to Gen. HANCOCK.

BERTENNEAU refused to withdraw the motion.

SMITH (white) said that he was opposed to the motion on the same grounds expressed by Judge COOLEY, although some of the "gentlemen" were his "warmest personal friends."

NEWSHAM expressed himself in favor of admitting the ex-members, and said that the Convention and Gen. HANCOCK were entirely independent of each other, and hoped that the members would bear the fact in mind when they voted.

Motions were now made to include the newly-appointed Councilmen, the late Street Commissioner, (recently removed by Gen. HANCOCK,) his successor, (Mr. FIELD,) &c.

On motion of BURWELL, of St. Charles, the original motion was laid on the table; at the same time the last mover wished it to be distinctly understood that he considered the individuals in question "honorable men."

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

## Universal Evangelization—A Meeting in Behalf of Home and Foreign Missions.

Last evening a pubhe meeting in the interest of the Missionary Society of St. Paul's M. E. Church, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-second-street, was held in that edifice.

Rev. Dr. JOHN COTTON SMITH was the first speaker. After alluding to the mutual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he was a minister, and the Methodist Church, he said he could not but feel himself at home in taking part in the missionary services this evening. They stood face to face with the grandeur of the work before them. It seemed strange that any one should have been unaware of the fact that God had some great plan for carrying out the work of the redemption of the world. Traces of the Christian religion had been found in anterior history, and it was known that the heathen have an idea of the basis of true religion. Could we believe that there was any race of men of which God is forgetful? There was no man so sunk in sin that Christ did not die for him. Go where we would, we would see this. The speaker then referred to the breaking up of the unity of languages as one of the principal means employed by Divine wisdom to redeem all men. The missionary work was grand, because it gave men the privilege of coöperating with God. If the whole world could be assembled by its representatives in council to carry out some great work, he would feel highly honored to be called upon to take part in the proceedings. But here he was called upon to coöperate with God in this great missionary work. We are sometimes surprised that more work has not been done in the missionary field. The reason is, that a portion of the responsibility of evangelizing the world was left with men, and they had been neglectful of the trust committed to their care. We find that the paths of nature are not isolated from other paths. The stars are mysteriously connected with our own planetary system. So, too, it was designed that no portion of mankind should be separated from another portion. The connecting of countries by means of steamships and telegraph cords is significant facts, and served to insure us that God was weary of our apathy and was aiding us in our missionary efforts. The speaker next called attention to how much might be accomplished by humble individual influence. DANTE, SHAKESPEARE and JOHN MILTON, although having some sinbilious purposes to accomplish, were made to contribute to the work of evangelization. The same could be said of poets, philosophers, and writers of all ages. There were many humble individuals in our midst devoting a goodly share of their time and means to the cause of saving souls. Those efforts would be remembered in the world beyond. There were many widows in this city who were contributing a widow's mite each, and thus exerting a wonderful power through small means. The preacher then spoke of the importance of working more earnestly in the cause of missions, and reminded his hearers of the glorious promises of the Lord to those who obeyed His commands.

Rev. J. M. BUCKLEY, of Brooklyn, was the next speaker. An analogy, he said, has often been traced between the operations of God in creating the world and the establishment of His Church. Certain it was that the Church was not called upon to make atonement for the sins of the world, yet it could point to the example of Him who died that all might be saved. The yoke of Christ was no longer a yoke to those who were purified by grace, but rather an ornament about their necks. An amount of money was professedly given each year by the M. E. Church to advance the cause of missions. That this amount was well invested there could be no denial. Proofs of it abounded on all hands. A million of dollars was now called for to meet the demands of the Society. The Society had in its employment now 23 missionaries in Liberia, 9 in South America, 48 in China, 58 in Germany, 21 in Scandinavia, and 232 in India, besides a large number at home stations. Means were greatly needed to support these missions. Some had said it was cruel to preach the gospel to the heathens, because it would tend to be an obstacle to their salvation. If allowed to remain in ignorance, for which they were not accountable, they would be quite as likely to be saved. But if such were true of the heathen it was true of us. The relation of the heathen to the preaching of the truth was the same as it is with us in New-York City. Human nature was the same the world over. They had spoken of them as compared the depravity of some of the people of Syria with others in our own midst, and related incidents to show that missionary efforts were required at home as well as abroad.

The meeting adjourned with singing and prayer.

## Southern Evangelization—The Work of the American Tract Society.

There was a large meeting last evening in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Fifth-avenue and Nineteenth-street, (Rev. Dr. HALL'S,) in regard to the work of the American Tract Society among the destitute white and colored population of the Southern States. Rev. Dr. HALL presided, and commenced the exercises with prayer. Rev. Dr. STEVENSON presented the general features of the Society in its missionary operations. Among other things, he said that since the close of the war the American Tract Society has labored with zeal and success in the desolated and needy districts of the South. The prostration of the material interests of that section has seriously affected its churches and all educational and benevolent agencies. The number of congregations has diminished, very few of the pastors secure an adequate support, missionary organizations are inefficient through lack of funds, and for the same reason neither public nor private schools are accessible to the masses of the children. The disasters wrought by the war, the changed relations of the colored people, and the confusion of the past three years have rendered the demand for aggressive missionary labor greater than at any previous period. This the Southern churches obviously cannot accomplish. The call of God comes to the Christian people of the North. To meet this prevailing want, the American Tract Society's system of colporteage is found to be admirably adapted. In coöperation with resident Christians they have labored to establish a prayer-meeting in every community; to afford every child, white or black, Sabbath-school instruction; and in connection with the visit of a missionary colporteur, to supply every family with the best religious reading. The results have been highly encouraging. The Society has aided in establishing 1,650 Sabbath or secular schools, with an aggregate of more than 100,000 scholars. Chiefly among the destitute, 250,000 United States Primers have been distributed. During the past year, 85 colporteurs have been employed; and it is believed, through the truth spoken and distributed, about 2,000 souls have been hopefully led to Christ. The number of colporteurs in the South Atlantic States in the year 1865, was 15; in 1866, 30, and in 1867, 61. These labors are, for the most part, sustained by churches. Sabbath-schools, of individuals that become responsible to the Society for $300 per annum, the average salary of a colporteur. The economy of this method commends it to all. In these schools the average cost to the Society per scholar is about 20 cents per year. Many thousands have already learned to read the word of God. The Society employs no teachers, but uses all the volunteer help that can be made available. Many of the best men and women of the South are engaged in this capacity, some teaching the whites and others the freedmen. Many of the colored people instructed during the last few years are prepared to conduct small schools in the rural districts, at points where the freedmen have hitherto been inaccessible. The supply of this labor greatly exceeds the Society's ability to make it available. Applications are at hand for 30,000 of the Society's primers and spellers, to be used in reaching as many destitute little ones. Shall they be sent? From every quarter of the South we have evidence of increased sabbath-school interest, as promoted by colporteage. A college President in North Carolina, accustomed to engage in such efforts, writes: "Our people need everything, but nothing so much as Sabbath-school books. I feel more deeply than ever that the character of the next generation depends upon the Sabbath-schools." The work is but begun. The souls not yet reached by these influences are equally precious with any now redeemed to God, and these past blessings are an earnest of fuller harvests as we send Christian laborers into these ripened fields.

Rev. G. L. SHEARER, District Secretary of the South Atlantic States, at Richmond, Va., and "Uncle JOHN" VASSAR, a devoted laborer among the blacks of the South, illustrated union missionary colportage as an instrument of Southern evangelization, by facts developed under their own observation, and also spoke of the necessity, methods, progress and results of the work in which they are engaged.

Rev. HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., followed with a brief, earnest address, enforcing the claims of this mission upon the Christian people of the North, and asking for practical sympathy in its behalf. Donations for this interesting work are received by O. R. KINGSBURY, No. 150 Nassau-street. The benediction closed the interesting meeting.

## City Sunday School and Missionary Society.

The regular monthly meeting of this Society was held on Friday evening last, in the Eleventh-street M. E. Chapel, and was an occasion of much interest to all present. The meeting was called for 7 o'clock, and delegates upon arriving were agreeably surprised to find the large room filled with the scholars, teachers and officers of the school. At 7 o'clock the school was called to order by Rev. Mr. COLLARD, the Superintendent, and a hymn was sung by the children. Rev. Mr. PEASE, presiding elder, offered the opening prayer. A short address was then delivered by Rev. Mr. HORN, and several pieces were well sung by the school, after which the scholars were dismissed. At 8 o'clock the meeting of the Board of Managers was called to order by the President, Mr. W. W. CORNELL, and opened with prayer by Rev. A. C. Foss, Pastor of St. Pauls M. E. Church. After roll call and reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary, Mr. JAS. WRIGHT, the pastors in charge of missions Rev. D. L. MARKS and Rev. GEORGE HOLLIS read reports from which we give the following items: During the month (January) 132 sermons were preached; 139 prayer and 72 class meetings held; 2,768 pastoral and canvassing visits made; 124 sick persons visited; 7,906 pages of tracts distributed; 69 members added; 21 persons baptised; 22 funerals attended. The society has 12 schools, 2,695 scholars, and 253 officers and teachers. The Missionary Committee reported: Total receipts from all sources for the Eleventh-street Chapel were $25,169 08; expenditures, $24,929 42, leaving a credit balance of $23 66. The Society has added to its real estate during the year as follows: Lots in Perry-street, $13,000; lots in One Hundred and Fourth-street, $6,000; the Eleventh-street Chapel and lots, $25,000; total, $44,000. The Corresponding Secretary read 8 letters from distinguished Sunday-school laborers in other cities, South and West, inquiring into the organization and workings of the Society, with a view of starting similar organizations. The Committee on Public Meetings announced a public meeting to be held on the 17th inst., (this evening,) in the Norfolk-street M. E. Church. The Board then took a recess and were entertained with refreshments provided by the officers and teachers of the Mission, after which the meeting adjourned.

# FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 15—3 P. M.

Consols for money and the account, 93@93¾.
Five-twenty Bonds, ——— 71¾@72
Illinois Central Railway Shares, ——— 89
Erie Railway Shares, ——— 48¾

FRANKFORT, Saturday, Feb. 15—3 P. M.

United States Five-twenty Bonds, for the issue of 1862, 76.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Feb. 15—3 P. M.

Cotton is buoyant. The sales to-day will reach 18,000 bales. The following are the quotations:

Middling Uplands, on the spot, ——— 8½@8¾d.
Middling Uplands, to arrive, ——— 8¼d.
Middling Orleans, ——— 8¾@9d.

Breadstuffs are without alteration.

Beef has declined to 115s. for Wintar Cured Extra Prime Mess.

Pork is dull, and has declined to 71s. for New Eastern Prime Mess.

Sugar is quiet at 34s. for No. 12 Dutch Standard.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 15—3 P. M.

Our markets remain as reported in the first dispatch.

ANTWERP, Saturday, Feb. 15—3 P. M.

Petroleum is dull at 41½ francs for Standard White.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 15.

SUGAR—Muscovado, inferior common refining, 6¾@7 reals; fair to good refining, 7@7½ reals; fair to good and prime to grocery, 8@8¼ reals. MOLASSES dull; 8½@11 reals. FREIGHTS—Sugar to Northern ports, ⅜ box, $1 62½; ⅜ hogshead, $6 50; to Southern ports, ⅜ hogshead. Sugar or Molasses, $4 50@$5. PETROLEUM 33½ reals ⅜ gallon. SHOOKS for boxes, 50@55 reals; for hogsheads, $2 50@$2 75. LARD 15½c. ⅜ lb. for tierces, and 18c. for tins. ONIONS $12.

## Domestic Markets.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Feb. 15.

FLOUR quiet; Spring Extras, $8 25@$8 50; $10@10 75 for Good to Choice. WHEAT quiet, at $2 24½ for No. 1, and $2 05 for No. 2. CORN steady; 84½c. @85½c. for New, and 84½c. @84¾c. for No. 1. OATS quiet, at 56¾c. @57c. RYE more active, and advanced 1c. @2c., sales at $1 23@$1 24. BARLEY quiet; No. 2 nominal; sample lots, $1 80@$2 25; Rejected, $1 71@$1 74. MESS PORK dull, at $22@$22 25 for Standard. CUT MEATS firmer; Shoulders, 8½c. loose; 9c. packed; Rough Sides, 11c. loose; Dry Salt Hams, 12½c., delivered the 1st of March, and 11½c. @11¾c. cash. LARD quiet, at 14c. DRESSED HOGS firm; light, $6@$6 25; heavy, $6 50@$6 75. CATTLE dull and unchanged. RECEIPTS to-day—3,400 bbls. Flour, 17,000 bushels Wheat, 47,000 bushels Corn, 36,000 bushels Oats, 2,800 Dressed Hogs, 2,800 Live Hogs. SHIPMENTS—8,000 bbls. Flour, 11,000 bushels Corn, 2,200 bushels Oats, 2,000 Dressed Hogs, 2,400 Live Hogs.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Feb. 15.

FLOUR in moderate demand at unchanged prices. WHEAT held at $2 20@$2 25 for White; $2 05 was offered for No. 1 and $2 45 for No. 2. CORN firmer; Ear, the $@$. OATS dull at 55c. @56c. RYE and BARLEY unchanged. COTTON firmer at 20c.; 15½c. was offered for Middlings; the market was strong. MESS PORK dull and nominal, and held at $22 for Cash, and $23 75 for Country. LARD dull and held firmly at 14¼c.; 14c. was offered. BULK MEATS in good demand at 9½c. @10½c. for Shoulders and Sides; an advance of ¼c. was asked. BACON in good demand with Southern orders; sales at 10¼c. for Shoulders, 12¾c. @13¾c. for Clear Rib and Clear Sides. Gold, 140¼@140¾, buying.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Feb. 15.

COTTON in good demand; Middlings, 20@20¼c.; sales, 3,000 bales; receipts, 4,041 bales; exports, 4,283 bales; exports yesterday, not reported, 11,887 bales, making the stock on hand yesterday, 111,410 bales. SUGAR and MOLASSES dull and nominally lower; sales very light. FLOUR—Superfine, $10@$10 25; Treble Extra, $11 25. CORN dull, and lower, at 92½c. @93c. OATS, 64c. PORK, $23 22; very little in the market. BACON—Shoulders retailing at 12½c.; Clear Sides, 14½c. LARD scarce, and in request; tierce, 15c.; keg, 16½c. Sterling Exchange, 152@155. New-York Sight Exchange, ½ @ ¾ cent. discount. Gold, 139½@139¾.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Feb. 15.

TOBACCO in fair demand at full prices. COTTON—No sales. FLOUR quiet and steady, but un